PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

AT ITS

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

HELD AT

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OCT. 20-21, 1887

CINCINNATI, O.

GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

ROBERT MOFFETT, Corresponding Secretary.

Incorporation.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio*, That A. Campbell, D. S. Burnet, William J. Irwin, Walter Scott, James Challen, George Jenkins, A. Trowbridge, T. J. Melish, George Tait, S. S. Clark, B. S. Lawson, T. J. Murdock, H. Hathaway, L. Wells, Thurston Crane, with their associates, be, and are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession, by the name of The American Christian Missionary Society, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and impleaded, in all courts of law and equity, and are hereby invested with all the powers and privileges necessary for conducting home and foreign missions, in advancement of the Christian religion.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall have power to acquire and hold as much real estate as may be necessary and convenient for carrying out the purposes of its creation; may enact by-laws for said Society which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States and of this State

SEC. 3. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Passed March 20, 1851.

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Change of Name.

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, HAMILTON CO., O.—TERM OF JUNE, A. D. 1873.

R. M. BISHOP, WILLIAM S. DICKINSON, ISAAC ERRETT, M. H. SLOSSON, H. S. BOSWORTH, A. I. HOBBS, R. R. SLOAN, R. MOFFETT, W. H. HOPSON, ROBERT GRAHAM, L. L. CARPENTER, W. K. PENDLETON, A. E. MYERS and J. K. ROGERS, Directors of American Christian Missionary Society. } Ex Parte for Change of Corporate Name.

This cause came on to be heard upon petition exhibits and testimony, and there upon it appearing that due notice had been given as required by law of the object and prayer of the petition, it is, by the Court, upon good cause shown, ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the name of the said corporation be changed from the American Christian Missionary Society to that of the General Christian Missionary Convention.

THE STATE OF OHIO, }
HAMILTON COUNTY, } *ss.*

I, Samuel W. Ramp, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order made by the said Court on the 30th day of June, 1873. Min. 185.

Witness my hand and the seal of the said Court, at Cincinnati this 7th day of April, A. D. 1881. SAMUEL W. RAMP, Clerk.

[SEAL.]

General Missionary Directory. 1887-1888.

PRESIDENT, J. H. GARRISON, ST. LOUIS, MO.

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Corresponding Secretary.

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Auditor.

W. S. DICKINSON, - - - - - - - - Cincinnati, Ohio.

Acting Board of Managers.

R. M. BISHOP, Cincinnati, Ohio.
W. H. LAPE, Newport, Ky.
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PARIS C. BROWN, Newport, Ky.
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S. G. BOYD, Covington, Ky.
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MINUTES

OF THE

General Christian Missionary Convention.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 20, 1887.

The Convention assembled in the First Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the President, Chas. Louis Loos, of Kentucky. J. S. Shouse, of Kentucky, opened the session by reading the Scriptures and prayer.

On motion of R. M. Bishop, the following Committees were appointed:

On Enrollment.—J. C. B. Stivers, West Virginia; S. T. Willis, Tennessee; W. B. Thomson, Michigan; W. H. Hayden, Illinois; S. L. Darsie, Ohio.

On Order of Business.—L. L. Carpenter, Indiana; D. R. Lucas, Iowa; R. L. Lotz, Dakota; A. Wilcox, Ohio; J. T. Toof, Connecticut; J. B. Thomas, Maryland.

The final report of Committee on Enrollment showed members and visitors present, as follows:

COLORADO.

Life Director.—W. B. Craig.
Life Member.—J. T. Sharrard.

CALIFORNIA.

Life Director.—T. D. Garvin.
Annual Member.—Mrs. S. E. Garvin.
Visitors.—W. D. Pollard, George Rohrer, Mrs. George Rohrer.

CONNECTICUT.

Life Member.—J. T. Toof.
Visitors.—S. B. Moore, E. A. Mallory, E. S. Morris.

DAKOTA.

Life Member.—R. L. Lotz.

INDIANA.

Life Directors.—A. M. Atkinson, Mrs. A. M. Atkinson, Margaret Cox, Mrs. J. N. Houston, L. L. Carpenter, L. H. Jameson, E. J. Gantz, J. H. O. Smith, E. W. Darst, C. G. Bartholomew, I. G. Tomlinson, Mrs. R. T. Brown.

Life Members.—D. R. Van Buskirk, S. E. Pearre, R. L. Howe.

Annual Members.—W. K. Azbill, Amos Clifford, B. L. Smith, E. C. Faunce, Ira J. Chase, C. E. Morgan, Z. T. Sweeney.

Church Delegates.—A. Atwater, W. S. Campbell, Mary S. Armstrong, James Small, A. R. Benton.

Ex-Officio Members.—P. S. Rhodes, Jas. W. Conner.

Visitors.—Leonora Norris, Laura Knapp, D. Grace Blount, R. May Blount, Mrs. W. Gates, Emma Clark, Fannie Clark, Angie Barlow, Jane Conover, Ellen Salenberg, Thomas Clark, Mrs S. A. Eby, Edna I. Farley, J. H. Mavity, E. L. Frazier, Mrs. E. L. Frazier, O. P. Hay, H. T. Buff, W. F. Ackman, Mrs. S. Hess, W. M. Alexander, M. M. Alexander, C. W. Culbertson, H. H. Nesslage, H. G. Fleming, Mrs. H. G. Fleming, W. H. Applegate, J. L. Parsons, Mrs. C. H. Parsons, Mrs. C. M. Mock, Mrs. E. B. Brewer, Mrs. E. O. Dale, Amanda Kimmel, Mrs. W. J. Russell, Mrs. J. H. Banning, L. D. Ridgeway, Mrs. May O. Morgan, M. W. Hawkins, Mrs. C. M. Hollingsworth, Mrs. M. F. Wilson, Mrs. Mollie Mullendore, J. S. McCallum, Mrs. J. S. McCallum, Mrs. Edna Ross, W. F. Ross, B. Z. Scofield, Mrs. E. B. Scofield, T. J. Clark, John N. Wallingford, Eli Miller, Lena Glidewell, L. E. King. C. W. Granger, Mrs. C. W. Granger, C. H. Gilbert, Harry Caldwell, Wm. Loomis, Mrs. Wm. Lowry, Mrs. J. Lynn, M. Inez Carpenter, Mrs. N. E. Stitt, Mrs. C. M. Atwater, Wm. M. Franklin, Clara Shank, J. F. Findlay, E. M. Douthit, M. A. Collins, Wm. M. Thrasher, J. C. Smith, A. M. Hall, W. C. McCullough, Alice Woodruff, J. I. Irvin, Lizzie Powell, C. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. A. Marshall, Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Sallie Fobes, W. A. Bush, W. A. Creal, Mrs. W. A. Creal, S. F. Fowler, J. D. Emmons, A. Baker, W. A. Foster, J. W. Porter, J. P. Ewing, W. F. Fowler, Mrs. E. L. Newcomb, Lizzie E. Howe, Neil McCloud, Mrs. E. J. Alden, S. R. Wilson and the members of the Indianapolis churches generally.

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Life Directors.—J. W. Allen, N. S. Haynes, B. J. Radford, Mrs. O. A Burgess, A. N. Gilbert, J. W. Maxwell.

Life Members.—J. G. Waggoner, Mrs. E. J. Dickinson, J. A. Roberts, W. A. Trowbridge, E. V. Zollars.

State Delegates.—A. N. Gilbert, J. B. Royal, T. W. Pinkerton, M. Swann.

Church Delegates.—Edwin Stewart, Hiram Woods, Mrs. Belle H. Updegraff.

Visitors.—E. O. Sharpe, J. C. McReynolds, Mrs. M. V. S. Woods, G. K. Berry, W. Keen, Mrs. Anna Steele, Jennie Youngsted, Viola Kennedy.

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Life Director.—F. M. Drake.

Life Members.—L. Harvuot, Cynthia Skinner, H. O. Breeden, Candace Lhamon.

Church Delegate.—Hattie Moorehouse.

State Delegates.—D. R. Dungan, J. H. Painter, D. R. Lucas, A. Swift, George A. Jewett, G. J. Ellis.

Visitors.—Esta L. Harvuot, Carrie Harvuot, H. F. Johnston, M. H. Finch, H. P. Hobbs, Mrs. H. P. Hobbs, Mrs. H. O. Breeden.

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Life Members.—P. H. Duncan, John S. Shouse, W. B. Taylor, J. H. Beazley, C. B. Edgar, M. J. Ferguson.

Church Delegates.—W. F. Smith, W. S. Priest, Waller Small, S. G. Boyd.

State Delegates.—J. W. Mc Garvey, Alex. C. Hopkins, John Shackleford, Wm. W. Hall, G. L. Surber, J. J. Haley.

Ex-officio Member.—J. J. Morgan.
Visitors.—Mrs. Mary Mullen, P. A. Dickson, Mrs. W. B. Taylor, C. H. Trout, Mrs. C. H. Trout, Leila Willis, Henry A. Macdonald, E. M. Berry, Ruzie S. Hugley, Mrs. Mary B. Hopkins.

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State Delegates.—John Boggs, Mrs. Hutter, F. Miller.
Annual Member.—F. M. Rains.

MISSOURI.

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Life Members.—R. D Cotton, Walter S. Burns.
State Delegates.—G. A. Hoffman, M. Lou Payne, T. P. Haley, A. S. Hagopian.

MARYLAND.

Life Members.—Jacob B. Thomas, Mrs. J. B. Thomas.
Church Delegates.—Rebecca Sitler, Mary Sitler.

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Life Director.—James Sharp.
Life Member.—Mrs. M. J. Sharp.

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Life Members.—W. F. Richardson, B. H. Hayden, Jno. W. Amphlett.
State Delegates.—J. H. Hammond, G. A. Willett, Mrs. I. A. Conklin, W. B. Thomson, Mrs. W. B. Thomson.

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Church Delegate.—E. H. Granger.

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Visitors.—Mrs. M. R. Humphreys, Mrs. L. A. Pier.

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Life Directors.—E. A. Bosworth, Wm. F. Cowden.
Visitors.—J. O. Cutts, Mrs. E. S. Baldwin.
State Delegate.—H. B. Sherman.

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Life Director.—R. W. Allen.
State Delegates.—A. J. Bush, Mrs. R. W. Allen, A. A. Johnston, Mrs. A. A. Johnston.
Visitor.—H. S. Howell.

TENNESSEE.

Church Delegates.—S. T. Willis, Gilbert M. Brooke.

WISCONSIN.

Life Director.—C. C. Smith.
State Delegate.—Milton Wells.
Church Delegates.—D. R. Howe, J. T. Snyder.
Del. Aux. C. W. B. M.—C. C. Fisher.
Visitors.—E. G. Green, A. L. Fisher.

WEST VIRGINIA.

State Delegates.—J. C. B. Stivers, Irene M. Myers.

FOREIGN.

South Australia.—M. W. Green.
Japan.—Geo. T. Smith.
Jamaica.—C. E. Randall.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted the following partial report, which was adopted:

1, Report of the Board; 2, Report of the Treasurer; 3, Reports of Standing Committees; 4, Appointment of Committees; 5, Adjournment till 7 P. M.; 6, At 7 P. M., Devotional Meeting, and at 7:30, the President's Address.

The Corresponding Secretary, Robert Moffett, of Ohio, then submitted the Annual Report of the Board of Managers (see Appendix.)

On motion of F. M. Rains, of Kansas, the report was referred to Committees to be appointed by the President, viz.: on New Missions, on Colored Missions and Schools, on Ways and Means, on Church Extension Fund, and on Obituaries.

The Standing Committee on Year Book submitted the following report, which was adopted and the Committee continued:

Your Committee was instructed by last Convention to prepare material for and publish a Year Book during the year. We have made diligent effort to procure from the States the data for such a book. Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and New York have furnished quite full and accurate statistics; other States have sent us partial reports and others have not yet reported. We sent blanks to all the churches named in the last Year Book and received only a few hundred in answer to our request. We hope to secure sufficient data and arrange same for the press before the close of the year.

Our task is a very difficult one—and all the more difficult on account of general indifference among church officers, and because we have no money available for needed clerical help. No one of the Committee has the time to spend in collecting and tabulating statistical reports. It is specially burdensome to the Corresponding Secretary, who already performs more labor than should fall to the lot of one officer. We recommend that the Board appropriate $100 to be used in employing clerical help.

We believe the State Secretaries should take special pains to gather statistics annually, so that the Committee may have on hand the data for Year Book purposes.

R. MOFFETT,
N. S. HAYNES,
L. L. CARPENTER, } Committee.

The following communication was presented by the Cor. Secretary:

ALEXANDRIA, LA., September 7, 1887.

REV. R. MOFFETT, Cor. Secretary,
General Christian Missionary Convention.

MY DEAR BROTHER: I am instructed, as Secretary of the Commission on Christian Unity of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to transmit to your General Convention the enclosed papers. They consist of a Declaration put forth by our House of Bishops, on the subject of Christian Unity, and the action of our General Convention in the appointment of our Commission and vesting in it certain authority.* Acting under that authority, the Commission does now by these presents communicate to your General Convention the aforesaid Declaration, and announces its readiness to enter into brotherly conference with you, trusting that you may be numbered with those Christian bodies that are seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church. With all Christian greetings and the earnest hope that you will see proper to unite with us in labor for the fulfilment of the Master's prayer,

Very truly and Fraternally,

HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Secretary of the Commission.

Declaration of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, adopted October 20th, 1886.

Whereas, In the year 1853, in response to a memorial signed by many Presbyters of this Church, praying that steps might be taken to heal the unhappy divisions of Christendom, and to more fully develop the Catholic idea of the Church of Christ, the Bishops of this Church, in Council assembled, did appoint a Commission of Bishops empowered to confer with the several Christian bodies in our land who were desirous of promoting godly union and concord among all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth; and,

Whereas, This Commission, in conformity with the terms of its appointment, did formally set forth and advocate sundry suggestions and recommendations intended to accomplish the great end in view; and

Whereas, In the year 1880, the Bishops of the American Church, assembled in Council, moved by the appeals from Christians in foreign countries who were

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*RESOLUTION as adopted by the concurrent action of the House of Bishops and of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, convened in the City of Chicago, October 27th, 1886:

Resolved, That a Commission consisting of five Bishops, five Clerical and five Lay Deputies be appointed, who shall, at their discretion, communicate to the organized Christian Bodies of our Country, the Declaration set forth by the Bishops on the Twentieth day of October, and shall hold themselves ready to enter into brotherly conference with any or all Christian Bodies seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church; and that this Commission be requested to make a report of its action to the general Convention of 1889.

struggling to free themselves from the usurpations of the Bishop of Rome, set forth a Declaration to the effect that in virtue of the solidarity of the Catholic Episcopate in which we have part, it was the right and duty of the Episcopates of all national churches, holding the primitive faith and order, and of the several Bishops of the same, to protect in the holding of that faith and the recovering of that order, those who have been wrongfully deprived of both, and this without demanding a rigid uniformity or the sacrifice of their national traditions of worship and discipline or of their rightful autonomy;

And Whereas, Many of the faithful in Christ Jesus among us are praying with renewed and increasing earnestness that some measure may be adopted at this time for the reunion of the sundered parts of Christendom;

Now Therefore, In pursuance of the action taken in 1853 for the healing of the divisions among Christians in our own land, and in 1880 for the protection and encouragement of those who had withdrawn from the Roman obedience; we, Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Council assembled, as Bishops in the Church of God, do hereby solemnly declare to all whom it may concern, and especially to our fellow christians of the different Communions in this land, who, in their several spheres, have contended for the religion of Christ:

1. Our earnest desire that the Savior's prayer "that we all may be one" may, in its deepest and truest sense, be speedily fulfilled;

2. That we believe that all who have been duly baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, are members of the Holy Catholic Church;

3. That in all things of human ordering or human choice relating to modes of worship and discipline, or to traditional customs, this church is ready, in the spirit of love and humility, to forego all preferences of her own;

4. That this church does not seek to absorb other communions, but rather, co-operating with them on the basis of a common faith and order, to discountenance schism, to heal the wounds of the Body of Christ, and to promote the charity which is the chief of Christian graces and the visible manifestation of Christ to the world.

But Furthermore, We do hereby affirm that the Christian unity now so earnestly desired by the memorialists can be restored only by the return of all Christian communions to the principles of unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic church during the first ages of its existence; which principles we believe to be the substantial deposit of Christian faith and order committed by Christ and His Apostles to the church unto the end of the world, and therefore incapable of compromise or surrender by those who have been ordained to be its stewards and trustees for the common and equal benefit of all men.

As inherent parts of this sacred deposit, and, therefore, as essential to the restoration of unity among the divided branches of Christendom, we account the following, to-wit:

I. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the Revealed Word of God.

II. The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith;

III. The two sacraments—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, ministered wih unfailing use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by Him;

IV. The Historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God unto the Unity of His church.

Furthermore, Deeply grieved by the sad divisions which afflict the Christian Church in our own land. we hereby declare our desire and readiness, so soon as there shall be any authorized response to this Declaration, to enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian bodies seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which so priceless a blessing might happily be brought to pass.

On motion this communication was referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair.

The President then announced the following committees:

On Nominations: T. D. Garvin, California; B. F. Clay, Kentucky; Milton Wells, Wisconsin; W. S. Dickinson, Ohio; J. T. Sharrard, Colorado.

On Time and Place of Next Convention: W. F. Richardson, Michigan; O. G. Hertzog, New York; D. R. Van Buskirk, Indiana; P. H. Duncan, Kentucky; T. W. Pinkerton, Illinois.

On Resolutions: B. J. Radford, Illinois; Ira J. Chase, Indiana; H. O. Breeden, Iowa; J. H. Garrison, Missouri; M. Wells, Wisconsin.

On New Missions: T. P. Haley, Missouri; N. S. Haynes, Illinois; H. B. Sherman, Pennsylvania; G. L. Brokaw, Minnesota; A. J. Bush, Texas.

On Ways and Means: A. N. Gilbert, Illinois; O. A. Bartholomew, Kentucky; Jabez Hall, Ohio; E. V. Zollars, Illinois; J. H. Beazley, Kentucky; R. W. Allen, Texas.

On Colored Missions and Schools: John Shackleford, Kentucky; J. Sharp, Mississippi; W. A. Belding, Ohio; A. M. Atkinson, Indiana; A. McLean, Ohio; J. S. Shouse, Kentucky; A. A. Johnson, Texas.

On Church Extension Fund: F. M. Drake, Iowa; F. M. Rains, Kansas; A. J. Marvin, Ohio; G. A. Hoffman, Missouri; W. Bayard Craig, Colorado; J. Z. Tyler, New York.

On Obituaries: R. M. Bishop, Ohio; Z. T. Sweeney, Indiana; S. B. Moore, Connecticut; J. W. Allen, Illinois; Walter Small, Kentucky; G. J. Ellis, Iowa.

On Communication from Protestant Episcopal Bishops: Isaac Errett, Ohio; D. R. Dungan, Iowa; J. W. McGarvey, Kentucky; A. R. Benton, Indiana; B. J. Radford, Illinois.

On motion, the President, C. L. Loos, was added to the last named committee.

The convention then adjourned to meet at 7 P. M.

Evening Session.

The convention assembled in the First Baptist Church. Devotional services were conducted by Alanson Wilcox, and participated in by Bros. Garrison, Hall, Sherman, Smith, Breeden and others. The President then delivered the annual address on Home Missions; after which F. M. Rains, of Kansas, made an appeal for subscriptions, resulting as follows:

Life Directors: A. N. Gilbert, Jacksonville, Illinois; J. H. Fillmore, Mrs. J. H. Fillmore, W. S. Dickinson, Mrs. W. S. Dickinson and B. C. Deweese, Cincinnati, Ohio; A. M. Atkinson, Wabash, Ind.; R. W. Allen and A. A. Johnston, Dallas, Texas; J. C. B. Stivers, New Cumberland, W. Va.; Paris Church, Mo. by R. D. Cotton; J. W. Maxwell, Chicago, Ill.; Greensburg, Pa. Disciples by Mrs. J. B. Kuhn; F. M. Rains, Topeka, Kansas; D. R. Dungan and Mrs. D. R. Dungan, Des. Moines, Iowa; Fourth street Church and Fourth street Sunday School, Covington, Ky. by S. Boyd; S. T. Willis, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. J. N. Houston, Connersville, Ind.; A. J. Bush, Thorp Springs, Texas; West Side Chicago, by J. W. Allen; Central Chicago by J. W. Maxwell; W. H. Willison, Elmore, O.; B. J. Radford, Eureka, Ill.; Broadway S. S. Lexington, Ky. by J. S. Shouse; Euclid avenue, Cleveland Church, by R. Moffett; four members Central Church, Indianapolis; Mrs. W. B. Craig, Denver, Colorado; Margaret Cox, Terre Haute, Ind.; Dayton, O. S. S. by H. E. Willet; I. G. Tomlinson, Clyde, Ind.; Central Church, Des Moines, Iowa, by H. O. Breeden; P. H. Duncan, Glencoe, Ky.; H. O. Breeden, Des Moines, Iowa; C. W. Talbott, Miamiville, O.; Henry Wineman, Detroit; Brooklyn, N. Y., by Jno. R. Tolar; Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati, O. by S. M. Jefferson.

Life Members: Baltimore, Md. Church and S. S. by J. B. Thomas; M. B. Ingle, Nellie Ashbrook, Garnet Ashbrook, Indianapolis; Mrs. T. W. Pinkerton, Decatur, Ill.; Washburne, Ill. Church and Young People's Society, by W. H. Hayden; A. M. Trowbridge, Rutland, Ill.; Portsmouth, O. S. S. by J. F. Davis; Mrs. W. J. McKinley, Cleveland, O.; Young People's Circle, Washington, Ill. by W. A. Humphrey; Mrs. H. E. Darst, Dayton, O.; Footville. Wis. S. S. by M. Wells; J. H. Painter, Columbus City, Iowa; H. E. Willett, Dayton, O.; G. W. Muckley, Cincinnati, O.; J. Irving Biddle, B. L. Smith, Terre Haute, Ind.; Watertown, Dak. Church, by R. L. Lotz; J. W. Amphlett, Detroit, Mich.; J. J. Morgan. Covington. Ky.

Other Subscriptions: Mrs. O. A. Burgess, Forest, Ill. $10.00, Indianapolis, S. S. $25.00, 1st Church S. S. Louisville, Ky., $15.00, Clara Shank, Irvington, $10.00, C. E. Morgan, Arcadia, Ind. $5.00, Cash, $8.00, Total, $4,818,00.

The committee on Order of Business made further report as follows:

The Convention to assemble Friday morning in Central Christian Church at 9. 1. Devotional meeting. 2. Reports of Committees. 3. At 10:30 address on Church Extension by F. M. Rains, of Kansas. 4. Report of Trustees of the Christian Hymn book. 5. Adjourn at 12.

The convention then adjourned. Benediction by L. H. Jameson, of Indiana.

Friday Morning.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment. M. W. Green, of South Australia, read the Scriptures and led in prayer. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The committee on Time and Place submitted the following report:

We have received invitations from Denver, Colorado, Lexington, Kentucky, and Springfield, Illinois. We recommend that our next convention be held at Springfield, Illinois, beginning on Wednesday after the third Lord's day in October at 9 A. M.

W. F. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Ways and Means reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board of Managers as refers to "ways and means" would respectfully report:——

That, while we rejoice in the great development of the foreign missionary spirit among our brethren during the last few years, and in the glorious results being accomplished by it, we realize that the claims of our home work have been to some degree over-shadowed by it:

That, while we should have done those, yet these ought by no means to remain undone:

That it is evident from the paucity of results thus far reached in the collection of revenue for our home work, that some more systematic and effective means must be devised by which proper and permanent provisions may be made for such large financial gatherings as the importance of our work demands:

That it is impossible to over-estimate its importance in view of the vast tracts of formerly uninhabited localities which are being turned into populous communities, and the steady progress of the center of population westward.

We therefore most heartily endorse the suggestion of the Board of Managers that the whole of the country from which our financial resources must come, shall be divided into convenient districts containing from 50 to 100 churches each, and that a financial agent shall be employed in each district, to secure such regular contributions from churches thereof as may enable us to enter the doors that God is opening for us and do the great work to which he is so evidently calling us.

That we earnestly press upon our brethren at large the great opportunities which are being lost never to return: the great work for God, glory and man's good which might be done, but remains undone; the heavy account which we as a people are laying up against ourselves at the bar of God, by the utter insufficiency of the sums, up to this time, placed in the hands of our Board for their work, and that we earnestly entreat every preacher, elder and officer in the land, to aid in making productive the methods already employed by the Board, and to give their most earnest assistance to the new method presented in this report.

A. N. GILBERT, Chairman.
O. A. BARTHOLOMEW,
E. V. ZOLLARS,
J. H. BEAZLEY.
R. W. ALLEN,
JABEZ HALL.

Committee.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Nominations submitted report:

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT:—J. H. GARRISON, St. Louis, Mo.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS:—N. S. HAYNES, ILL., W. F. RICHARDSON, MICH. C. G. HERTZOG, N. Y.

FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:—ROBERT MOFFETT, CLEVELAND, O.

FOR RECORDING SECRETARIES:—B. L. SMITH, Indiana, J. C. B. STIVERS, W. VA., W. F. COWDEN, PA.

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FOR AUDITOR:—W. S. DICKINSON, Cincinnati, O.

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T. D. GARVIN, Chairman of Commitee.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Protestant Episcopal Church, submitted the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Secretary of the Commission on Christian Unity, appointed by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, October 27, 1886, beg leave to submit the following reply to said communication:

Rev. Herman C. Duncan, Secretary of Commission on Christian Unity of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

DEAR SIR:—Your communication, addressed to the General Christian Missionary Convention, through R. Moffett, its Corresponding Secretary, was by him laid before our Convention at its annual meeting in Indianapolis, October 20, 1887. After due consideration, the following response was unanimously agreed to, which you will please present to your honorable Commission, with assurances of our cordial approval of their noble aim.

Having carefully, and with deep interest, considered the "Declaration of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, adopted October 20, 1886," we respectfully and affectionately submit the result of our deliberations. In doing this, it is proper to say that the General Christian Missionary Convention is possessed of no ecclesiastical authority. It is made up partly of delegates from our State and Territorial Missionary Conventions, and partly of Annual Members, Life Members and Life Directors, and its objects are purely benevolent and philanthropic. It has no control over the faith or discipline of our churches. While there is a broad Christian fellowship of faith and love among all these churches, and organized co-operation alike of individual and of churches, in Districts, States, and Nation, for missionary, educational and other benevolent and charitable purposes, there is no central ecclesiastical organization having control of questions of doctrine and discipline, and no possibility, therefore, of an authoritative response to your Declaration. But, as this Convention is composed of members from all the States and Territories in which we have churches, and of members of these churches, embracing a fair share of intelligence, experience and wisdom of their membership, this unanimious expression of sentiment on the part of this Convention, may be safely regarded as the most trustworthy utterance obtainable of the convictions of the entire brotherhood in the United States known as Christians or Disciples of Christ. We have the fullest confidence that it will be generally approved.

Allow us, therefore, to say:

I. You may infer with what lively interest and admiration we regard the Declaration of your House of Bishops, when we state that in so far as our religious movement is distinctive, its original differentiation from all other religious movements of the time was, the condemnation of the sect spirit and of sectarian organizations as unscriptural, sinful, and fruitful in mischief, and the advocacy of a return to the unity, catholicity, simplicity, and spirtuality of the faith and practice of the churches of apostolic times; a return, in other words, to New Testament teaching. This movement, which took on, in 1809, the public form of a voluntary Christain Association, finally developed into the organization of churches seeking to restore, as it was then expressed, "in letter and in spirit, in principle and in practice," the faith and discipline of apostolic times. They were known simply as "Churches of Christ." These organizations were formed, not because those entering into them desired a separation from the ecclesiastical communions with which they had been associated, but because the narrow and bitter sectarian spirit then prevailing forbade all utterance of such anti-sectarian sentiments and all promotion of such anti-sectarian aims, within their respective pales. These churches have increased until they now number, in the United States, about 800,000 communicants, and to-day there sounds out from them all, with no diminution of earnestness or emphasis, the same condemnation of sectarian parties, sectarian creeds, sectarian names, sectarian aims, and the same entreaty for the return of all believers to the unity of faith and catholicity of spirit, taught, fostered and defended by the apostles of Jesus Christ. We cannot, therefore, do otherwise than hail with gladness the declaration of your "desire and readiness, so soon as there shall be any authorized response to this Declaration, to enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian Bodies seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which so priceless a blessing might happily be brought to pass." We are especially glad that this overture comes from the Protestant Episcopal Church. Eminently conservative as that Church is known to be, its leadership in such a movement is evidence that the religious sentiment of this country, in behalf of Christian Unity, is deep and strong, while the cautious proceedings of thirty-three years, ripening into this Declaration and the appointment of this Commission, give us unmistakably the results of mature deliberation and ripe conviction. While we do not accord with everything suggested in the Declaration as to what is "essential to the restoration of unity among the divided branches of Christendom," we do most heartily approve the proposal for "brotherly conference . . . with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which the desired unity may be brought to pass."

II. The frankness and candor with which you express your understanding of "the principles of unity" is, in our view, as admirable as the kind spirit in which you invite us to brotherly conference. While it would be manifestly premature to enter, at present, on a *discussion* of any of these principles, we deem it altogether proper to imitate your frankness in simply *stating*, in the light of the investigations and experience of three-quarters of a century, what we deem essential to Christian Unity.

1. We heartily concur in your statement of the first essential to the restoration of unity: The recognition of "the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Revealed Word of God." In the language of the Westminster Confession of Faith, "The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for His own

glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and *necessary* consequence may be deduced from Scripture—unto which nothing is at any time to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men." And, "though all things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all, yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed and observed, for salvation, are so clearly propounded and open in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them."

The Holy Scriptures are the only *catholic* rule of faith and discipline. On no other platform can the scattered hosts of spiritual Israel be restored to unity. The "Historic Episcopate," or "the principles of unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic Church *during the first ages of its existence*" will not be accepted by the various "divided branches of Christendom" as "*essential*" to Christian unity, or as binding on the conscience. Nothing less authoritative than a *Thus saith the Lord* will be universally recognized as *essential* to Christian unity, or as binding on the conscience. The history of the early Christian centuries may have a universally admitted value as illustrating or confirming Scripture; but as *essential* to union in Christ no historical teaching outside of the inspired books will ever be universally, or even generally accepted by the divided branches of Christendom. For instance: If Parochial or Diocesan Episcopacy or an order of priesthood in the church other than that "royal priesthood" which belongs to all believers, is set forth in the New Testament Scriptures as of divine authority, then *collateral* evidence of such forms of episcopal government and such order of priesthood may be brought from the history of the undivided Catholic Church during the first ages of its existence and such testimony of a "Historic Episcopate" would doubtless be allowed to have its just weight. But a basis of union involving anything as essential other than what is contained in the revealed Word of God, we regard as utterly impracticable.

What we have said of the testimony of the early Christian centuries, may also be said of what is styled the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and all human creeds. Nothing less authoritative than God's Word should be regarded as beyond the reach of "compromise or surrender." "Hold fast the form of sound words which thou hast heard of me," said the inspired Paul to Timothy. No form of uninspired words, however admirable in the estimation of multitudes, can be insisted on as beyond "compromise or surrender," without placing an insuperable obstacle in the way of "the restoration of unity among the divided branches of Christendom." If any "statement of the Christian faith" should at any time be deemed necessary, not as a bond of fellowship, but for public information, or to condemn prevalent errors, we respectfully submit that Christians of to-day can put such statement in a form much better suited to the people of this generation than the Nicene formula which had birth out of the controversies of that time, and came into being under conditions which not only do not now exist, but which are not so much as known to the great majority of professed Christians of the present time.

2. The restoration of unity demands a return to New Testament teaching. We may not presume to improve on the ideas of unity and catholicity taught by inspiration. We ought to improve on the *practice* of the apostolic churches, being made wiser by their errors and by the apostolic rebukes which those errors called forth; but in our conceptions of spiritual unity and ecclesiastical union, of catholicity, and of all that is to be insisted on as essential to Christian fellowship, and

"incapable of compromise or surrender," we must be guided solely by the teaching of Jesus the Christ and his apostles.

Coming, then, to the New Testament, to the "pure river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb," before it was contaminated by the muddy stream of human doctrine and tradition, what do we find ?

(1.) That the original, inspired creed-- that, and that alone which was required to be believed and confessed by all who sought membership in the Church of God—had but one article, viz: "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God." That which justified and saved, and held all the saved in one blessed fellowship, was not assent to a system of doctrines, a formulation of speculative opinions and theories, or a form of church government, but faith in Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. Faith in a Divine Person, love of a Divine Person, absolute and entire personal surrender and committal, in conscience, heart and life, to a Divine Person ; this was the requirement, the only requirement laid on those who sought salvation and entrance into the fellowship of Christians. This is a *divine* creed, which can be neither compromised nor surrendered. Everything that is not legitimately involved in this one article of faith concerning the Christhood and Divinity of Jesus, as a test of fitness, on the score of faith, for admission to membership in the church, not only may be, but ought to be, surrendered.

(2.) That all who confessed this faith in the Lord Jesus were admitted to Christian fellowship by immersion in water into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And only such were admitted. We would say, therefore, that those who thus accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and were thus immersed, were, in the apostolic age, members of the church of God: or to use the language of the Declaration, "members of the Holy Catholic Church." The churches of apostolic times acknowledged "one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;" and these were among the *essentials* of Christian unity.

(3.) That those who were thus added to the church were continued in fellowship *so long as they walked in the commandments of Jesus.* Obedience to the Lord Jesus—in other words, *Christian character*—was the test of fellowship in the church. If any one denied the Lord that bought him, or refused to honor Him by obedience to His commandments, he was to be condemned as unworthy of Christian fellowship. But so long as one cherished faith in the Son of God and kept His commandments, he was entitled to a place among the children of God. If he was *right concerning Christ*, though he might be wrong about many things, it was presumed that Christ would bring him right about everything essential to spiritual life and enjoyment. And if he was not right as to his faith in and obedience to Christ, however free from error in other respects, his unbelief and disobedience formed an unsurmountable barrier to the fellowship of Christians.

It will be seen that this is *catholic* ground.

"The Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments as the revealed Word of God," is catholic. This can not be said of any creed of human compilation.

Faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, is catholic. It is the faith of all who accept the Old and New Testaments as the revealed Word of God.

The immersion of believers into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, is catholic. No one disputes that the believer is a proper subject of baptism, while there is serious and wide-spread controversy over the admission

of infants to that ordinance. All admit that the immersion of a proper subject is valid baptism, while there is endless controversy over sprinkling and pouring.

Disciples of Christ, Christians, Church of God, Churches of Christ—these are catholic. All the evangelical parties claim these designations, and complain of any exclusive appropriation of them; while Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, etc., are party names which can never be universally approved.

Here, then, we stand on unsectarian ground, where, it seems to us, if anywhere, we find the *essential* principles of Christian unity, which can not be compromised or surrendered.

III. Outside of that which is essential to Christian unity, there are many things pertaining to growth in knowledge, to methods of working, etc., in reference to which, for the sake of peace and for the preservation of unity, there should be a common agreement. There should, we think, be the largest liberty of opinion, of investigation, and of utterance, on all questions arising out of the study of the Scriptures, and no one who holds to Jesus "as God manifest in the flesh," and who keeps His commandments, should be disturbed in his church relations on account of his opinions, *provided* he does not attempt to force his opinions on others or to make an acceptance of them a test of fellowship. Should he attempt this, he becomes a factionist, to be rejected after the first and second admonition.

Many questions unprofitable for discussion in the pulpit, may be profitably, or at least harmlessly, discussed in the schools, to which all speculative questions should be remanded.

Then there are practical questions—questions of method in carrying out the work of the Church—which, being left to the discretion of Christians, to be answered according to times and circumstances, should never be made tests of fellowship or occasions of strife. In all questions of this class—as to what is *expedient*, and not as to what is of divine authority and obligation—Christians should learn to please each other, and study the things that make for peace and edification. We are pleased, therefore, to read in the Declaration, "That in all things of human ordering or human choice, relating to modes of worship and discipline, or to traditional customs, this Church is ready, in the spirit of love and humility, to forego all preferences of her own." To refuse to forego preferences in all things of human ordering or human choice, or in things resting on merely traditional authority, and to allow such preferences to stand in the way of Christian union, would be to assume the tremendous responsibility of exalting the human to an equality with the divine. May we not say that it would be to make the Word of God of none effect by human traditions and usages? If "the spirit of love and humility" prevail, this declaration of the Protestant Episcopal Church will receive unstinted approval from all who aim to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Yet it is just here that we fear. It is so easy to mistake attachment to mere usages for a conscientious adherence to God's will, that there is more danger of disagreement in things not taught in the Scriptures than in the the things that are taught therein.

IV. There remains one item in the declaration too important to be passed without notice: "That this Church does not seek to absorb other Communions, but rather, co-operating with them on a basis of common Faith and Order, to discountenance schism, to heal the wounds of the Body of Christ, and to promote the charity which is the chief of the Christian graces and the visible manifestation of Christ to the world." As we understand it, this is a gratifying declaration. We

do not regard it as looking towards a theological and ecclesiastical eclecticism or syncretism, by which the various denominational systems of doctrine and of church government shall be perpetuated in whole or in part, under some nebulous scheme or vague profession of Christian Unity; but simply as a frank disavowal of selfish aims. This is alike manly and just. It exhibits the only spirit in which it is possible to "discountenance schism and heal the wounds of the Body of Christ." Not what will promote the interests of any denomination, but what will serve the purposes and promote the welfare of the "one Body" of Christ, is to be sought. All other communions should adopt this sentiment as their own, as a necessary preliminary to all successful efforts to heal divisions and make manifest that unity which is so prominent a characteristic of the Church of God.

In conclusion permit us to say that we very cordially approve the gentle and loving spirit that breathes in your Declaration, and heartily coincide with your proposal to "enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian bodies seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which so priceless a blessing might happily be brought to pass."

We respectfully submit this answer to your Declaration with humble reliance on the Head of the Church that we may be delivered from pride and prejudice, and be led into all the truth, so that all may speak the same thing, and that there may be no divisions among us, but that we may be perfected together in the same mind and the same judgment—thus realizing and fulfilling the prayer of our blessed Lord and Saviour in behalf of all who believe in Him: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

ISAAC ERRETT,
J. W. MCGARVEY,
D. R. DUNGAN,
J. H. GARRISON,
B. J. RADFORD
C. L. LOOS,
A. R. BENTON.
} Committee.

After brief remarks by the President the report was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The committee on Church Extension presented the following report:

We commend the action of the Board in appointing a Secretary of the Church Extension Fund who is to give all his time to this most important department of our home work. We believe there is no work among us second to this. Your committee recommend:

1. That the earnest co-operation of our wealthier churches especially be extended to the Secretary, F. M. Rains, in raising a fund worthy of us, as a people.

2. That a general collection be taken in all our churches and Sunday Schools for this fund the first Sunday in February, 1888.

3. We also recommend that the Secretary of this fund be requested to prepare a pamphlet containing information on the character and importance of the Church Extension Fund, for free distribution among our churches.

4. And we further recommend that the Secretary be requested to visit as many of our State conventions as possible, and lay the importance of this great work be-

fore our whole brotherhood, and urge them to give liberally to this work.

F. M. DRAKE,
W. B. CRAIG,
A. J. MARVIN,
G. A. HOFFMAN,
F. M. RAINS,
} Committee.

After remarks by A. McLean, R. Moffett and others, the report was adopted.

F. M. Rains then delivered an address on Church Extension, after which, subscriptions for the fund were taken up as follows :

One Hundred Dollars. A. M. Atkinson, Wabash, Ind.; J. H. O. Smith, Mrs. Jno. C. New, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. J. W. Moore, Greensburg, Pa.; W. S. Dickinson, Cincinnati, O.

Fifty Dollars. Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Mrs. W. C. Holmes, Mattie M. Stewart, Mrs. E. Scofield, J. L. Parsons, Indianapolis; S. G. Boyd, Covington, Kentucky; Mrs. J. N. Housten, Connersville, Ind.; J. H. Hammond, Decatur, Mich.; Mrs. E. S. Baldwin, Huntsville, Texas; A. H. Moore, New Castle, Ind.; R. M. Holland, Mrs. Braddocks, Pa.; Ladies Aid Society, Dallas, Texas; C. L. Loos, Lexington, Ky.; R. W. Allen, Dallas, Texas; A. R. Benton, Irvington, Ind.; L. Harvuot, Panora, Iowa; W. B. Thomson, J. W. Amphlett, Detroit, Mich.; S. J. Tomlinson, Acton, Ind.; R. Moffett, Cleveland, O.; A. C. Hopkins, Louisville, Ky.; J. H. Garrison, St. Louis, Mo.; Paris C. Brown, Newport, Ky.; Bloomington, Ill.

Twenty-five Dollars. Mrs. J. H. Dorman, Carthage, O.; Naomi Tomlinson Clyde, Ind.; Columbus, Ind. S. S.; Mrs. S. A. Ely, Roan, Ind.; Robert Sellers' Tipton, Ind.; N. C. Brewer, Danville, Ill.; O. R. Clements, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. W. L. Neal, Portsmouth, O.; Sadie Willis, Covington, Ky.: S. B. Teagarden, Salem, O.; Leroy Wiley, Paris, Ill.; A. J. Bush, Thorp Springs, Texas; Mary F. Mullen, Williamburg, Ky.; W. E. Keene, Keensburg, Ill.; Mrs. Ella McCammon, Carthage, O.; M. V. S. Woods, Danvile, Ill.; Mrs. E. J. Tingle, Marshallton City, W. T.; Mrs. Ryan and Miss Ford, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. S. McCallum, Irvington, Ind.; Neal S. McCallum, Brazil, Ind.; W. S. Montgomery, Noblesville, Ind.; C. W. Talbott, Miamiville, O.; H. S. Howell, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Isabella C. A. Ross, Falmouth, Ind.; Mrs. I. A. Conklin, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. H. C. Darst, Dayton, Ohio; James Sharp, Columbus, Miss.; T. J. Clark, Vincennes, Ind.; J. J. Haley, Midway, Ky.; Mrs. T. S. Graves, Indianapolis, Ind.; E. L. Frazier, Mrs. E. L. Frazier, Kokomo, Ind.; Mrs. G. Spencer, Columbus, Ind.; W. A. Humphrey, Washington, Ill.; Mrs. J. R. Allen, Indianapolis, Ind.; Missionary Aid Society, Washburne, Ill.; Mrs. J. C. Mason, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Elisabeth Ellis, Westfield, Ind.; Ralph and Jessie Robinson, Spencer, Ind.; Mrs. J. R. Clayton, Shelbyville, Ind.; Mrs. D. W. Wood, Elmore, O.; Sunday School, Sixth Church, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. C. McReynolds, Marion, Ill.; Mrs. W. K. Azbill, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. S. Kendrick, J. H. Rosencranz, Dallas, Texas; J. W. McGarvey, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Allen and Johnson, Dallas, Texas; Milton Wells, Centre, Wis.; J. B. Kuhns, Greensburg, Pa.; C. E. Morgan, Arcadia, Ind.; Mrs. W. J. McKinley, Cleveland, O.; Greensburg, Ill.; Hiram Woods, Danville, Ill.; Phillips, O.; Mrs. B. P. Lisle Harrisonville, Mo.; George T. Smith, Japan, $10. Mrs. S. Spencer, Columbus, Ind.; $5.—Total $3165.

The Trustees of the Christian Hymn Book submitted their annual report as follows;

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION:

According to our usual custom we make our annual report to you. We have received as royalty on the Christian Hymnal and Sunday School Hymnal for the present year $540.62, and paid it over to your treasurer, for missionary purposes. The amount is not as large as we could desire, but when we consider the small and lower priced books that are pressed upon the market by sending out agents, and otherwise, we feel greatly encouraged and satisfied the brotherhood appreciate a No. one book, one published by their authority, the profits of which go for the spread of the Gospel.

R. M. BISHOP,
WM. H. LAPE,
JOS. F. WRIGHT. } Trustees.

The report was received and ordered printed in minutes.

The committee on Resolutions reported:

Your committee on Resolutions beg leave to present the following report:

1. RESOLVED, as followers of the Prince of Peace, we hail with joy the advent of messengers in our country, who come as representatives of the London Peace Society, endorsed by nearly three hundred members of Parliament, to promote the settlement of international difficulties by arbitration. That we give this movement our hearty sympathy, believing that as war is an appeal to force, and diplomacy an appeal to cunning and intrigue, arbitration is an appeal to right and justice and promotive of peace on earth and good will among men.

2. RESOLVED, that we note with deep satisfaction the growing sentiment in opposition to the liquor traffic, and hereby declare ourselves the uncompromising foes of the saloon, and the friends of all legitimate measures and methods looking to its complete overthrow in our land.

3. RESOLVED, that our thanks are due to the brethren and citizens of Indianapolis, for their kind hospitalities; to the press for complete reports of proceedngs; to the several railroad companies for reduced rates of travel; to the First Presbyterian and the First Baptist Churches for the use of their houses of worship, and to the New Dennison House for courtesies and privileges freely extended in the use of their parlors for committees.

B. J. RADFORD, Chairman Committee.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Obituaries made the following report:

While we have so many reasons for which to rejoice in the glorious triumphs of the Redeemer's cause we must pause for a moment beside the new made graves of a number of our most noble helpers.

Death indeed has reaped a rich harvest for the garner of eternal life.

Among the men who have contended for the faith in the pioneer days of this movement, that have entered into rest, may be mentioned the names of W. J. Pettigrew, of Virginia, whose deep insight into the Divine Word has helped thousands into a higher and better knowledge of the way of life; J. Wesley Lanphear, of Ohio, whose spiritual insight, pulpit power and success in the ministry were surpassed by but few, if any, of the pioneer preachers; John A. Gano, of Kentucky, who, while carrying on extensive worldly affairs, never forgot to make the ministry of the Word his first duty, and who walked amid the corruptions that usually accompany

the possession of wealth with unspotted raiment; Wm. Lane, of Hartford, Connecticut, who for many years stood as one of the outer sentinels along the line of our movement.

Among those of a later generation may be mentioned F. G. Allen, of Kentucky, whose purity of life, vigor of thought and trenchant pen, caused him to stand as one of the leaders of our movement during the last decade; Henry S. Lobingier, of Pennsylvania, whose bright career was cut short before he attained to that high distinction to which his many graces of mind and heart would have inevitably led him. He made a gallant and uncomplaining fight against the approach of death, and was never affected to bitterness by what he suffered. "After life's fitful fever he sleeps well." J. H. Duncan, of Kansas, honored and loved wherever known for his bright mind, clear faith and christian spirit.

Among those not preachers, but whose names were always found on the contribution lists of this society as cheerful and bountiful givers, we would mention the names of J. D. Metcalfe, of Illinois; B. W. Couchman, of Kentucky; and Corydon E. Fuller, of Iowa.

In this list we call special attention to the name of Timothy Coop, of England, not only for the rich benefactions he has bestowed, but for the persistence of his liberal example which has been a prominent factor in arousing the brotherhood to a greater activity in, and sympathy with all that pertains to the spread of the gospel both at home and abroad.

Nor would we forget the noble women who have been our fellow helpers in the truth. Mrs. Sarah H. Scott, of Michigan; Mrs. James Leslie, of Ohio; and Mrs. T. P. Haley, of Missouri, have entered into rest from the active labors for Christ which for years characterized their earthly lives. We honor their lives, we mourn their death, we accept both lives and death as a rich legacy which shall not have been bestowed upon us in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BISHOP,
Z. T. SWEENEY,
S. B. MOORE,
GILBERT J. ELLIS,
WALLER SMALL. } Committee.

The report was adopted by a rising vote. J. S. Shouse, of Kentucky, led in prayer, after which the congregation joined in singing "Is it far to the land of rest," etc.

C. E. Randall, of Jamaica, was introduced to the convention and made a brief address.

The committee on Order of Business submitted their final report:

Re-assemble at 2 P. M. 1. Reports of committees. 2. Miscellaneous Business. 3. Address by B. F. Clay, of Kentucky, on Tract distribution. 4. At 7:30 P. M. assemble at First Presbyterian Church. Address by J. T. Toof, of Connecticut.

The convention then adjourned. Prayer by H. S. Howell, of Texas.

Friday Afternoon.

The convention re-assembled at 2 P. M. C. C. Smith, of Wisconsin, read the Scriptures and led in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The committee on Colored Missions and Schools reported as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the G. C. M. C. take absolute control of the S. C. I. and that the stock be made over to it as far as practicable.

2. That 400 acres of the land of the S. C. I. be sold and the proceeds used to pay the indebtedness and to defray the necessary expenses for improvements now needed.

3. That the Illinois farm be sold and all subscriptions now due collected.

4. That the Board consider the propriety of this being a mixed school, it being the mature conclusion of the committee that it should be a male school only.

5. That the Board co-operate with the Trustees of the New Castle Bible School in the employment of a white brother as agent, with a view to put the school in operation next session.

6. That the Board assist the colored brethren in Texas in the employment of a colored evangelist, both to evangelize and to present the claims of the National Christian Institute at Dallas, Texas.

J. SHACKLEFORD, A. A. JOHNSON,
J. S. SHOUSE, A. MCLEAN,
W. A. BELDING, JAS. SHARP,
A. M. ATKINSON. } Committee.

This report was discussed at some length by John Shackleford, G. A. Hoffman, H. S. Howell, W. A. Belding, R. Moffett, C. C. Smith, J. H. Garrison, O. C. Atwater, A. M. Atkinson and James Sharp. The report was then taken up, item by item, and the first four recommendations failed to pass, the fifth and sixth were adopted. The motion recurring on the adoption of report as amended, it was on motion of R. Moffett, referred to the Acting Board without recommendation.

The Tract committee submitted their annual report as follows, which was adopted:

The Tract committee begs leave to submit its report, as follows:

During the year two valuable tracts have been added to the list. These are "Money and the Kingdom," by Dr. Josiah Strong, and "Baptism," by B. C. Deweese. The complete list is now as follows:

"Your Need of Salvation," by Thomas Munnell.
"What must I do to be Saved?" by J. B. Briney.
"What is the Christian Church?" by J. S. Lamar.
"Sunday School Scholars becoming Christians," by R. T. Mathews.
"Sin against the Holy Spirit," by Isaac Errett.
"God's Hand in Missions," by Dr. A. T. Pierson.
"Counsel to Converts," by A Special Committee.
"Money and the Kingdom," by Dr. Josiah Strong.
"Baptism," by B. C. Deweese.

We have sent out during the year two million four hundred and thirty-eight thousand and nine hundred, (2 438,900) pages. We could have sent out ten or even twenty million pages, if we had had the money to pay for them. So many appeals came in from destitute fields that within three months after the Kansas City Convention all the funds raised there were exhausted. In answer to the numerous calls for help more were sent out thinking that the treasury would be refilled before the close of the year. In this we were disappointed. The appeals published from time to time realized almost nothing. Hundreds of deserving applications could not be answered at all.

If the brethren want this work to go on and to grow into large proportions, they must provide the requisite means. The tracts are furnished the committee at cost. No one is paid a cent for his services. Every dollar that is given goes directly to the work. Is it asking too much to ask for $1,000 for the coming year, for this important department of the Lord's work ?

A. McLEAN,
S. M. JEFFERSON,
B C. DEWEESE. } Committee.

B. F. Clay then addressed the convention on Tract distribution. After the address, subscriptions were taken for the Tract fund amounting to $1,044,51.

One Hundred Dollars. Kentucky, Ohio, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas State Societies.

Fifty Dollars. A. M. Atkinson.

Twenty-five Dollars. Michigan, Tennessee, California, Nebraska and Texas State Societies; Central Church, Indianapolis; Indiana State Board; S. B. Moore; Detroit Churches; A. McLean.

Ten Dollars. Wisconsin State Board; J. T. Toof; H. G. Fleming; Kentucky S. S. Association.

Five Dollars. W. F. Barr, W. T. Ross, D. O. Powell, C. L. Loos, I. G. Tomlinson, Charleston Church, Ill., O. G. Hertzog, R. L. Lotz, Ann Arbor, Mich., W. F. Richardson, Amos Clifford, J. W. Maxwell. J. B. Royal, New Castle Church, Pa., $19. Cash, $20.51.

The committee on New Missions submitted their report, which, after remarks by Bros. Azbill, Moffett, Hertzog and Lotz, was adopted as follows:

Your committee on New Missions would present the following:—

Appeals to the Board for assistance have been made for the cities of Rochester, N. Y., Erie, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Ann Arbor, Mich., (for all of the Scott bequest left to this convention,) Knoxville, Tenn., for $500, for one year; Jackson, Miss., for $500; Macon, Ga., Houston, Texas, Orlando, Fla., Hastings, Neb., Duluth, Minn., Boise City, Idaho, Buffalo, Wyoming, Spokane Falls and Walla Walla, W. T., and Santa Fé, N. M., and for evangelists for New England, Wisconsin, western Kansas two, south eastern and central Dakota, one each, southern and western Texas, one each, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, for western Colorado, and one for the Scandinavians of the north west. All of these appeals are from important fields. While we cannot consider their relative importance in detail we beg to submit these considerations: Our Churches in the city of Chicago, have organized a Board of Missions, with the purpose of establishing churches in the suburbs and desire the wisdom and counsel of our Corresponding Secretary and any further help the

Board may be able to give. Chicago is and will continue to be the great metropolis of the mighty and growing west.

Our Scandinavian population is a most hopeful field for evangelizing. In their native land there are 400 free churches with a membership of 100,000, opposed to a State church, wearing no human name, and a church polity like our own. Two of their three principal leaders, Profs. Frenholm and Eckman, hold to exclusive immersion. There are 20,000 of these people in Dakota, and 125,000 in Minnesota, industrious, thrifty, law abiding and faithful to religious convictions.

We recommend that the Board respond to these appeals as they may be able in the following order; Boise City, Idaho; Buffalo, Wyoming; Knoxville, Tenn.; Spokane Falls, W. T.; Santa Fe, N. M.; Houston, Texas; Walla Walla, W. T.; Jackson, Miss.; Duluth, Minn.; Orlando, Fla.; Erie, Pa.; Macon, Ga.; and for evangelists, the following order: New Mexico, Oregon, western Colorado, Wisconsin, Dakota, New England, the Scandinavians, Texas, Kansas and Arizona.

We recommend that the disposition of the Scott bequest and the Chicago request be decided by the managing Board, and that the Board refer the building project at Rochester, N. Y., to the Church Extension committee for favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

T. P. HALEY,
N. S. HAYNES,
G. L. BROKAW,
H. B. SHERMAN,
A. J. BUSH,
} Committee.

On motion of R. Moffett, the report of Board, as a whole, was adopted.

On motion the committee appointed last year to communicate with Free Baptists was continued.

The committee on Resolutions submitted additional report:

Whereas, September 12, 1888 will be the centennial of Alex. Campbell's birth, and whereas he was from the organization of this Association, until his death, its President, and the chief leader and master spirit in this religious movement for the restoration of primitive Christianity, therefore,

RESOLVED. that all our churches be requested to suitably recognize the day by appropriate services, and make the first Lord's day in October a centennial memorial offering for the missionary work of this Convention.

On motion, the pre-amble and resolution were adopted. The Convention then adjourned. Prayer by John Boggs, of Kansas.

Evening Session.

Convention assembled in First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P. M. After a song service conducted by Professor Pierson, and prayer by D. R. Van Buskirk, J. T. Toof addressed the convention on "Elements of Power in Church and Missionary Work." The President then made closing remarks, and the convention adjourned to meet Wednesday, after the third Lord's day in October, 1888, in Springfield, Ill.

CHAS. LOUIS LOOS, President.

W. F. COWDEN, Recording Secretary.

Report of The Board.

The Board of Managers of the General Christian Missionary Convention hereby presents its Thirty-eighth Annual Report. With gratitude to the Father of all mercies for divine guidance through the year, we acknowledge his blessings on our labors which have been carried on with peace and success.

OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FIELDS.

We have added to our missionary forces as follows: W. R. Spindler, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Wm. Irelan, Lawrence, Kan.; R. H. Moss, Seattle, Washington Territory; C. W. Martz, Raleigh, N. C.; J. N. Grubbs, Marion, Ala.; G. L. Brokaw, St. Paul, and J. C. Starke, Rochester, Minn.; A. H. Sawyer succeeded by J. K. Reid, Walnut Hills (a suburb of Omaha); D. R. Wilkins (colored), Memphis, Tenn.; J. G. Keys (colored), evangelist in Mississippi. We have made changes as follows: J. C. Oakshett succeeded J. A. Seaton, at Watertown, Dakota; George Darsie succeeded J. H. Garrison, at Boston; J. S. Bocknill succeeded L. W. Scott, at Eureka Springs. T. H. Blenus, Jacksonville, Fla., closed his engagement with us May 20: Preston Taylor, April 1, and W. T. Tibbs, Pomona, Cal., January 1. With these exceptions our missionary force is the same as last year,

We invite attention to the work in our several fields classified by States and Territories, viz:

ALABAMA.

R. W. Vanhook has given his whole time to the work, and largely to our mission in the growing city of Birmingham. He held meetings at fifteen different places, baptized forty-four, and added ninety-seven others to the churches. Assisted by Bros. Grubbs and Moore, he organized a church at China Grove, in Perry county, of twenty-seven members, and raised money to build them a house of worship. He also assisted in raising money for a house of worship in Cottondale, which will be ready for use early in the coming year. Also means to support a preacher at Gadsten and secured a lot at Sedden. He gave more than half his time to the work at Birmingham, working at great disadvantage without a house of worship. This difficulty is soon to be overcome. The means have been provided for the erection of a neat and comfortable house of worship. The church has grown steadily in numbers (fifty-two having been added during the year), and feels the necessity of having all Bro. Vanhook's time, and hopes by the assistance of our Board to be able to sustain him as their pastor the ensuing year.

S. B. Moore has given all his time to Selma. The church here has been strengthened by forty-one accessions, and the future outlook is encouraging. He also held protracted meetings at Pine Apple, resulting in three accessions, and at Richmond, a new point, resulting in twenty-nine accessions. J. N. Grubbs has labored at Marion, Cleveland Mills, Cambridge, Cedar Ridge, New Hope and Plantersville. He organized churches at Marion, Cleveland Mills and Cedar Ridge, built houses of worship at two places, and repaired the house at the third. He has added sixty-seven to the churches in his field of labor.

In November the Alabama Christian Missionary Convention was organized by representatives of churches meeting at Selma. The convention was not large, but substantially unanimous in the desire to establish a State organization. Bro. A. R. Moore has given a few months of successful work as State Evangelist, visiting the churches, enlisting them in missionary work, enlightening them as to the aims and methods of the State organization, and holding protracted meetings.

ARKANSAS.

L. W. Scott continued his services at Eureka Springs until January 1, and in April J. S. Becknell succeeded him as missionary and pastor, and labored until October 1. Eighteen have been added to the church during the year—chiefly during the labors of Bro. Becknell, who writes: "This is a very satisfactory result; but these results are due largely to the great number of visiting brethren from the North and East, who sojourn here in the spring and summer. I regret to leave the field; and will respectfully suggest to the Board that unless the church can have more assistance from the Society it will be impossible to sustain the work. Other churches receive from four to six hundred dollars a year, and these have all they can do to keep up their work." The Board believes that Eureka Springs is a splendid field to present the gospel to those who sojourn there for a time., and so making them the means of disseminating the truth far and wide; but has questioned from the beginning of the undertaking whether it is wise for us to spend any of our little means in such places while so many other places promise speedier and more permanent results.

The Board contributed a small sum to aid the church at Ft. Smith in supporting W. R. Spindler, who writes: "Solid progress has been made at this point during the past year. A building has been erected which, including lot, is worth at least $6,000. The membership of the church has been increased 25 per cent. The cause is more firmly established and more favorably known than before. The work done here will awaken other places in the vicinity. Ft. Smith is rapidly growing, and the country about is filling up, and now is the time to lay the foundations of truth and righteousness for the coming years."

ARIZONA.

Thos. H. McMullin has continued his services as missionary, with headquarters at Phœnix. From the 1st of November to March the church worshiped in the house occupied by the Presbyterians. In February this house was bought for $2,500. The church raised by subscription $500, a good brother loaned them $800 for one year without interest, and they borrowed $1,200 from bank at one and one-quarter per cent. per month, payable in quarterly installments of $300. The General Board has granted this place a loan of $500 from the Extension Fund. Unable to use the house except at 3 P. M., Bro. McMullin has preached in schoolhouses in the vicinity, and has added a few to the church. He hopes that one year more of assistance from our Board will bring the mission to a self-sustaining position. He says: "Just at this time all energies are bent toward paying for the property, and your evangelist gets but little aid aside from that given by your Board. If possible the Board ought to put two more men in this field. I believe $300 for the right man would enable him to work up a field outside of the city, in which I have been preaching, that in six months' time would be self-supporting."

CALIFORNIA.

W. T. Tibbs continued his services at Pomona for the Board until January 1. He writes: "The church here is established on a permanent basis and is receiving accessions every Sunday. We have great reason to thank God for the work you have enabled us to accomplish. The character of the church is indicated by the basket collection March 1 of fifty dollars for foreign missions.

COLORADO.

Your Board has contributed as usual to the support of the missionary work in Colorado, under the auspices of the State Board. J. T. Sharrard, State Evangelist, has been 314 days in the field, added to the churches by baptism 27, otherwise 65, located five preachers, erected one house of worship and one Tabernacle, secured in cash and subscriptions for local purposes $4,695, and for State Board $486 95.

He visited Trinidad, aided the church in securing Bro. Stevens, of Iowa, whose work has been very successful. Through his tireless energy, working often with his own hands, they have recently completed a five thousand dollar house. Thence to Boulder, held a meeting, located Bro. Abrams as their pastor, and started a building project. Thence to Laramie City, in Wyoming Territory, taking in Cheyenne *en route*. He found Disciples in both places, but did not deem it wise to organize at present. At Buenna Vista he started a subscription for a house of worship, which was erected at a cost of $1,200, and dedicated in April. Eugene Brooks is pastor here, and gave his personal attention to the work. He spent most of January in Denver—the strongest church in the State—as a supply for their pastor, the compensation being necessary to make up his salary. Thence he went to Lamar, where he found a lot and a considerable subscription for building a church edifice. He increased the subscription, organized a church, and, after much delay, reports the house rapidly approaching completion. The organization consists of seven women and two men. In February he assisted J. C. Hay in a meeting at Pueblo, adding eleven to the church. Pueblo is the second city in size in the State, and destined to become the Birmingham of the West. For years the little band has struggled against mighty odds to build a church. Now the dawn of a better day is breaking. A beautiful house of worship is nearly completed, the membership increased and encouraged to greater effort, and a mission already talked of for south Pueblo. After a few miscellaneous visits to several minor points, he went next to Monte Vista, in the San Louis Valley, organized a church of twenty-four members, erected a tabernacle at a cost of one hundred dollars, and secured pledges amounting to fifty dollars per month for a preacher. Thence to Colorado Springs to hold a meeting, which resulted to nine accessions to the church. Also held a meeting at Elbert, a new point; also at Howard, where he organized a church of twenty members and secured means to employ Bro. Brooks one-half the time. He visited Canon City, La Veta and other new places in June and July, and supplied for Bro. Craig in Denver in August and a part of September. He says: "During the year I have been unable to do anything for the vast country west of the range known as the Gunnison and Grand River country. Our territory is so large, and finances so limited, that a great many places are necessarily neglected. It is impossible for one man to do justice to an empire as large in area as England, Greece, Belgium and Denmark combined, separated by mountains as high as those that made Napoleon and Hannibal immortal by merely crossing. The eastern portion of the State is settling up rapidly by home-hunters. The State has increased in wealth sixteen millions the past year. Joseph Hutton says; 'Ten years in the history of America is equal to half a century of European progress," and I add that ten years in the new West is equal to a half century east of the Mississippi River." Now is the time to lay the foundations for a great future.

DAKOTA.

We have continued our help in Dakota only in fields occupied last year. J. C. Oakshett succeeded J. A. Seaton, at Watertown, Oct. 1. Nineteen have been added to the church. He resigned Sept. 15. The progress of the work here has been slow, but it is a place of too much importance to abate zeal in building up a strong, self-sustaining church.

F. M. Collins has labored as evangelist in Central and Southern Dakota. He preached regularly or held meetings at St. Lawrence, Altoona, Wessington, Millers, Olivet, Salem, De Smet, Spottswood and Spencer, and added sixty-one to the churches of whom forty were by confession and baptism. The failure of crops last year, and the low prices the last three years, have nearly bankrupted the people of his field, so that only $121 has been contributed by the brethren, nearly all of which was necessary to bear his traveling expenses. He says: "The people are so involved that it takes everything they can raise to pay off mortgages—chiefly on machinery—and the money when paid goes out of the country. If the people were out of debt the present crop would place them in good condition financially, but in their present situation little can be expected from the people to support missionaries for the ensuing year. Another difficulty is the lack of houses of worship. These we are at present unable to build. If we had houses in the towns we could do more in one year than we can do in three without them."

N. B. Baldwin reports work at Olivet, Tyndall, Tyndall S. W., Oak Hollow Pleasant View, Grand View, Lenox and Canty. He added ninety-five to the churches, thirty-one of whom were by baptism. This includes the meeting held by Bro. Collins at Olivet. He organized churches at Pleasant View, Lincoln county, and Canty, Aurora county. He traveled 2,660 miles, and was paid by the field less than $250. The brethren of southeast Dakota are anxious that the Board should supplement Bro. Baldwin's work with the labors of a strong, active, and able preacher. We are having the subject under consideration.

J. A. Seaton, labored as General Evangelist sixty-five days from October 1 to January 1. He visited Castlewood, Honeywells, Dunbars, Doland, Aberdeen, De Smet, Brookings, Parker, Athol, Ashton, Altoona, Olivet and Henry. He held a meeting of seven days at Doland, and twenty-six days at Olivet.

FLORIDA.

T. H. Blenus has labored for the church in Jacksonville during the year. Our engagement with him closed May 20. During the time of his services for our Board, 27 were added to the church, and their new house of worship, corner Pine and Beaver, dedicated. There have been 21 added since May 20. The city press says of the church edifice: "It is one of the neatest and most charmingly arranged churches in the city. It is finished in hard pine and cherry, with beautifully stained windows and open truss roof in natural grain. It is carpeted throughout, and furnished with baptistery, dressing rooms, class rooms, pastor's study, etc." The greater part of the money for this building was raised by the members themselves. During the time of our aid, and largely because we aided them, this church has grown to quite a self-sustaining position. They have also built a chapel and established a mission at Riverside, and are arranging for another mission in the city. Since the close of our engagement with Bro. Blenus the congregation has increased

his salary, and are meeting all their obligations with promptness. There is a considerable debt on the house, but it is held by one of the members on long time and easy terms. One of the officers writes: "when Bro. Blenus came to us as your servant and ours, we did not own ten dollars worth of property. We have now about ten thousand dollars worth, over eight thousand dollars of that paid for, and our membership during the past two years more than doubled. Bro. Blenus is the moving spirit in this work, and is greatly beloved by his congregation."

KANSAS.

J. S. Myers continued his services through the year at Atchison, making occasional visits to other places to hold meetings. There have been 120 accessions to the church in Atchison, seventy of whom were by baptism. The church has raised for all purposes $1,376.50, a little less than half of which was used for payment on church house debt. The church has proved too small to accommodate the attendance. The membership of the church is 270, and of the Sunday-school 250. We are sorry Bro. Myers, whose labors have been so abundantly blessed in Atchison, has resigned because the house circumscribes his opportunities to do the good he desires, and because the salary is inadequate to support him.

In addition to his work in Atchison, he held meetings in East Atchison, Mo., Falls City, Neb., and Round Prairie, Kan., aggregating 57 baptisms and 13 other accessions.

Wm. Irelan, for a long time the self-sacrificing worker at Lawrence, has received aid from our Board since January 1. Twenty-seven have been added to the church. The church has been burdened with a large debt on their property. Bro. Irelan says: "Bro. Williamson, of Kansas City, a real estate man, and a member of the church at Edwardsville, Kan., has assumed the indebtedness on our meeting house—nearly $1,200—and proposes also to lay out five or six hundred dollars in repairs. All this he is doing in the name of a beloved daughter—Sister Lillie Graham—who had membership with us, and who recently passed to the other shore. If you had not aided us this year I could not have remained, and I doubt if any one else could have been induced to take hold of the work: and the brethren would have been so disheartened that they would have made no effort to meet the spring payment of $560; and this gift from Bro. Williamson would not have been made. Your help has brought the church here this year nearly $2,400; has saved it from disaster; and will yield large harvests in the future. If this church can be helped one year more I believe it will be self-sustaining. The State Board will help us next year, as in the year past, and I hope the General Board will do the same."

MINNESOTA.

G. L Brokaw began his labors for the church in St. Paul, September 15, 1885. Bro. B. says: "A little over a year ago we had thirty-five members and no house. We now have seventy-five members and a house and lot valued at $3,600 all paid except $600 due in one year. Attendance at the regular meetings has gradually increased. Seventeen different members have led the prayer meetings during the last four months. The Sunday-school has seventy-five members—having more than doubled during the year—and a mission Sunday-school has thirty-three members. A Children's Band has sixteen members. An auxiliary of the C. W. B. M. sends

quarterly dues, and a young people's society has about thirty members. The church has raised and paid out over $3,000. All bills have been paid when due, with $40 remaining in the treasury. The various missionary boards have received $100 from the church in St. Paul. At a business meeting held September 4, the church voted unanimously to be self-sustaining on and after January 1, 1888.

J. C. Stark was employed to labor for one year, beginning January 1, at Rochester, where he had organized a church, and at Plainview and Pleasant Grove. He has visited seven different places, preached 182 sermons, baptized 32, and added 37 others to the churches. The field has contributed $303 toward his support. The State Board co-operates with the General Board in supporting the offerings of the field. Bro. Stark says: "The church at Rochester now numbers thirty. When we began we felt it was the weakest and most helpless church we ever knew. It is now as strong in Christian work as any we have known of the same number. At Plainview there were from fifteen to eighteen worthy members when I began. Now we count over thirty faithful and trusted. Plainview will yet be a power in the State. We are quite hopeful for a great ingathering this winter. The State Board will continue the work at Rochester, and we are dependent for the present for the same help from your Board."

MISSISSIPPI.

The General Board co-operates with the State Board in sustaining the missionary work in Mississippi. Since the State meeting, James Sharp, the state Evangelist, has visited about twenty-five different places, preached 269 sermons, added 169 to the churches, organized churches at Okolona, Kosciusko, Ackerman, Port Gibson, Hickory and New Albany. At Port Gibson he restored to the Disciples a disused house worth $4,000, and repaired and renovated the same at a cost of $450. He also affected a union with Regular Baptists, bringing their preachers and a large number of Christian workers into co-operation with us. He co-operated with and assisted in organizing the Mississippi Christian College at Marietta and gave his time and services as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Christian Institute.

The State Board employs R. A. Bishop to labor one-half his time at Jackson, where five have been added, and where the outlook is reported as encouraging. B. F. Manire and P. H. McGuffey have labored a part of the year as evangelists with excellent success. J. G. Keys has been employed to labor among the colored churches, the General Board contributing $100 specially for this work. He reports meetings at twenty different places and added 79 to the churches. The General Board employs this man with a view to his acting as an agent, wherever he may go to preach, to urge young men and women to patronize the Southern Christian Institute. He is creating some interest in this school.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Bro. Darsie began his work with the Boston Mission early in December last. He has preached 99 sermons, baptized 12, and received into the church 26 others. The membership is now 184. The Sunday-school numbers 150. He reports a spirit of hopefulness and earnestness in the congregation, and is confident that a faithful holding on will result in the establishment of a useful self-supporting church in the great New England metropolis. There is a stability about the people of that region which, while it makes the growth of a church slow, as compared

with one of our Western churches, makes it correspondingly solid and sure. A strong and active church in Boston will be a source of great benefit to our cause throughout New England and the East.

The membership already gathered has shown itself worthy of the assistance given it by the Board, and though somewhat lacking in the elements of worldly power, and widely scattered, it is in no wise lacking in piety, zeal and devotion. It is, in short, a nucleus of faithful Christian men and women, loyal to Christ and his gospel, whose gradual enlargement under wise direction is only a question of time. The church in Boston will be recruited from the intelligent and well-grounded Disciples of the British Provinces, as well as from the Christian family, the Sunday-school and the conversions from the outside world. There is good reason to believe that the continuance of our fostering care will result in building up a church in Boston which will be a credit to our people and a blessing to Boston and New England. We regret to announce that Bro. Darsie, feeling it to be his duty to return to Frankfort, Ky., has resigned the work in Boston.

NORTH CAROLINA.

C. W. Martz was employed by the committee having charge of the evangelists' labors to canvas North Carolina to raise a special fund to establish and sustain a mission in Raleigh. He succeeded in raising $400 in cash and pledges, and on the first of April he entered upon the work, at first in the Primitive Baptist Church and then in a third story hall. Bro. Martz writes: "This old conservative city, the capital of the State, is quite a center of religious influence, where nearly all the denominations find a field for operation, and invite the people to costly and comfortable rooms. Our attendance at the hall has generally been small. Better facilities will be required to succeed. I am confident that with a suitable place in which to obtain an audience the grand plea made by the Disciples will find, among the various parties of this sadly divided city of numerous sects, those who will delight to stand with us for its advocacy."

NEBRASKA.

R. C. Barrow reports for the year as follows: "During the year I have preached 340 sermons, organized churches at Agnew and Grand Island, dedicated one house, raised $1,200 for local work, been instrumental in locating five pastors, ordained one preacher, baptized 102 persons, received eighty-seven accessions from other sources, assisted twenty-six churches by visits and meetings, held twenty-seven conferences with church officers, and received from the field $463.90." He visited Belvidere, Bennett, Cozad, Wolf Creek, Burchard, Ulysses, Waco, Tecumseh, Grand Island, Blue Hill, Edgar, Stratton, Roca, Nickerson, Valparaiso, Osceola, Agnew, Meserne, Firth, Genoa, Maple Creek, Wymore, Odell, Talmage, Charter Oak, Hooker, Cameron, Waterloo, Bromfield and Hampton. J. T. Smith was employed by the State Board and rendered successful service. Bro. Barrow, in a letter to Corresponding Secretary, says: "The General Board enabled us in the beginning to plant the first churches in the Territory; and in latter years to reach out into the new field constantly opening up on our western border. For several years past it has enabled us to keep an additional evangelist in the field, under whose labors many churches have been founded and many houses of worship have been built, and so far as the credit of the work may be given to human agencies, it belongs largely to the General Christ-

ian Missionary Convention. Our connection with the Convention has been a golden link to bind us to the great brotherhood east of the Missouri River; and warm, prayerful hearts and open purses have helped us in our labors until we have become a great people in our own State, numbering not less than twelve thousand souls. We have 150 congregations, 85 preachers and 85 houses of worship, aggregating in value $169,000, and yet a large portion of our State is still missionary ground, and it remains for us to push our conquests westward to the Colorado border with the advancing tide of emigration."

The Board has also contributed to sustain a missionary at Walnut Hills, a part of the great city of Omaha. Dr. Mercer, largely in honor of his mother, erected a chapel in this quarter of the city and offered it to our people if they would establish a mission. The Omaha church not being strong enough to undertake it, and the State Board not being in condition to help, the General Board has taken hold of it, in hope that it will be self-sustaining in a short time. A. H. Sawyer labored there a few months without visible success, and was succeeded July 1, by J. K. Reid. A church has been organized. The city is rapidly crowding out that way, so that we have reason to belive a strong church may be built up there.

TENNESSEE.

The colored church in Memphis was organized a few years ago by our evangelist, Preston Taylor. At the earnest solicitation of white and colored brethren the Board has helped to sustain Bro. D. R. Wilkins as pastor for the church. He has labored six months with some success, but has been compelled to resign on account of his health.

WISCONSIN.

C. C. Smith has labored faithfully at the mission work in Milwaukee. A church was organized there two years ago with a little over a score of members. Up to April 1, of this year, the membership had increased to forty-two. Bro. Smith says the discouraging feature is that so many of the few have moved away. During the past year seventeen have gone away from the city. "Over twenty have left who have been identified with the work since I came. None have come to us during the year except those gained by hard work—and yet our audiences are some larger than last year. Our Sunday School is larger and in splendid working order, and our prayer-meetings are very interesting and well attended. There is no reason for elation, but too much promise to abate our zeal or abandon the work. If we could have kept all who have gone away, our church would now be quite strong." Milwaukee is a very hard field, and Bro. Smith is accomplishing quite as much as any other man could. The Corresponding Secretary assisted him in a meeting in March, when twenty were added to the little band, largely the fruit of Bro. Smith's sowing.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

J. B. Daisley closed his labors as evangelist for Southeast Washington Territory January 1. During the last quarter of the year he baptized 44 and added 40 others to the churches. He is now laboring for the churches at Dayton and Milton.

A. M. Sweaney closed his labors for us at Tacoma and Sumner April 1, and was succeeded by K. H. Sicafoose, of Iowa, in June. Twenty-four have been added in the field of their labors.

The Board has contributed a small sum in support of the work in Seattle where R. H. Moss labors as pastor. Twenty-two have been added to the church. He says: "Our force of workers has about doubled, and we all look forward to greater progress next year." An effort is now being made to raise a sufficient sum to sustain Bro. Moss independent of the assistance of the Board. Bro. Moss also assisted in meetings at Tacoma, Sidney and Lowell.

A. W. Dean has continued his services in Northeast Washington Territory. He has labored at Cheney, Spokane Falls, Deep Creek Falls, Medical Lake, Pine City, Lance Hills, Davenport, Palouse City and Spangle, and organized churches at Medical Lake, Lance Hills and Davenport. Last year he organized three churches—making six churches organized by our evangelist and his co-workers in that portion of the Territory. He has added 18 by baptism and 25 otherwise, not including last quarter, for which he has not reported. He reports the outlook as good for great success in the future.

SUMMARY.

Number days of labor	8,579
Number of sermons	3,710
Number of baptisms	762
Number of other accessions	792
Number of churches visited and assisted	143
Number of new and unorganized places visited	96
Number of churches organized	25

Your Board has received many calls for help which we could not answer for want of means. We name the more important ones: Rochester, N. Y.; Orlando, Fla.; Macon, Ga.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Houston, Texas; Boise City, Idaho; Buffalo, Wyoming; Spokane Falls and Walla Walla, W. T.; Duluth, Minn.; and Hastings, Neb. At all these places there are providential openings and splendid outlooks for success if we only had the means to sustain a missionary pastor. Besides, we have had calls for help to sustain evangelists in New England, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, Dakota and Wisconsin. We have also been solicited to assist in suburban work in the city of Chicago. We could have used four times our income on our present fields, and in answer to calls now on our table. We hope the Board will be able to answer some of these calls the ensuing year.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, the seat of their great State University, has been selected as a mission point for next year. Mrs. S. H. Scott, of Detroit, deceased in February, leaving a large estate to several of our missionary boards. The General Board will unite with the C. W. B. M., the Michigan State Convention and the local auxiliary of C. W. B. M., in Detroit, in using a portion of her bequest to build a church edifice in Ann Arbor. The C. W. B. M., have given a pledge that they will sustain a pastor until the church reaches a self-sustaining position. It will be some time before the work will begin. This is a very important center at which to establish a church. Two thousand students gather here annually from all parts of the United States and the world. The brethren of Michigan have already raised the money and purchased a lot in a very desirable locality.

THE WORK IN THE STATES.

The report as presented by the G. C. M. C., exhibits but a small part of the home missionary work as conducted by the Disciples of Christ. The State organizations, quite independent in their operations, are conducting year by year a very efficient

work in their several home fields. We are unable to present the results of 1887. But for the year closing in the fall of 1886 we have the following summaries, viz:

Number of missionaries for whole or part of time	179
Number of days of labor	30,151
Number of sermons	21,527
Number of baptisms	5,915
Number of other accessions	4,079
Number of churches visited and assisted	1,204
Number of new and unorganized points visited	311
Number of churches organized	78
Amount of money raised by State Boards	$79,822 88
Amount raised by missionaries for local work, about	40,000 00

The table which will be printed in this year's Minutes will show a large increase in receipts and results over the report of 1886. (See table).

FINANCIAL.

We began this year with, in the Treasury:

Missionary Fund	$ 16 77	
Ministerial Relief Fund	226 75	
Extension Fund	649 71	
Tract Fund	89 52	$ 982 75

We have collected during the year:

Missionary Fund	$20,019 37	
Regular Extension Fund	937 00	
Special Extension Fund, (Boston House)	2,236 21	
Ministerial Relief Fund	172 05	
Tract Fund	270 93	
Interest on Extension Fund loans	54 00	
Repaid loans	300 00	
Borrowed	800 00	$24,789 54
Total from all sources		$25,772 31

Of the Missionary Fund $91.10 was for other Missionary Boards; $540.62 came from Trustees of Christian Hymn Book; $30 from interest on Bacon bequest, and $9,687.22 from the fields occupied by our missionaries. Deducting balance on hand at the beginning of the year, repaid loan and borrowed money, we have $23,689 54 as the missionary offering for the year—a decrease of $2,745.51 as compared with last year. But more than this difference by one thousand dollars was raised last year for the houses at Chattanoogo, Pomona and Boston in excess of the sum raised this year for Boston. Our missionary fund, exclusive of the sum collected by our missionaries, is $754.84 below the receipts of last year; and this difference may be more than accounted for by the fact that last year we received from the Hymn-book fund nearly $150 more than this year, and from bequests $700. We have received no bequests this year. It will be seen that the churches, Sunday-schools and friends of the general home work have sent us a little more than last year. We confidently expected a large increase over last year's receipts, and laid out our plans accordingly. The result is a small debt of about $800, which can be more than half met by receipts since the close of the fiscal year.

We have disbursed as follows:

To missionaries, cash	$8,228 12		
To missionaries, collections on field	9,687 22—	$17,915 34	
For all incidental expenses	813 48		
To Corresponding Secretary, salary	1,800 00—	2,613 48	
For Boston house debt	2,096 35		
For ministerial relief	245 00		
For tract distribution	340 00		
To other missionary boards	91 10		
Loans from Extension Fund	1,100 00—	3,872 45	
Leaving balance in Missionary Fund	216 22		
Leaving balance in Extension Fund	980 57		
Leaving balance in Ministerial Relief Fund	153 80		
Leaving balance in Tract Fund	20 45—	1,370 77	
Total		$25,772 31	

We submit Treasurer's Report, corresponding with these statements.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Going back over our history for 37 years we find we have never ceased to struggle with the problems of revenue. We have the honor of being the first organization in the field which looked to the cultivation of a missionary spirit among the Disciples. At that time many other things engaged the earnest attention of our best preachers. We had colleges to build and endow, a ministry to educate and sustain, papers to establish and circulate, and all this in the face of the fiercest opposition to our plea. Our churches labored under the disadvandages of poverty, and in many cases under the influence of bad notions and awkward methods. Under these circumstances the cultivation of a missionary spirit that would sustain an organized effort to carry on missionary work at home and abroad was very difficult. And yet our people entered upon this work with commendable zeal and liberality. In 1869 it was thought that a practical system had been reached which would give means to District, State and General Boards to prosecute their work, both home and foreign. It was found, however, that the missionary spirit had not been sufficiently cultivated to sustain it, and 12 year's of earnest effort to establish it were without significent effect. Meanwhile, the Foreign Christian Missionary Society was organized upon the membership and directorship plan—its friends disclaiming any intention of calling on churches and Sunday-schools for general collections. The General Convention has, with unabated interest, fostered this movement from the beginning. When they asked for one collection a year we consented although it was distinctly understood that the collection system was to be left for the use of the State and General Boards. When they asked for two collections, and again for the third (for the Sunday-school collection is substantially a church collection), we cheerfully consented and called public attention to it, because the Foreign Society was taking away our shame. Meanwhile, we shared the convention work with both the F. C. M. S. and the C. W. B. M., and rejoiced in their successes. During all this time the quarterly collections were yielding only a pittance for our treasury. In fact, our work was crowded out of sight by needs and demands of State and Foreign Boards. In 1881 we felt compelled to return to the membership and directorship plan, setting our figures at just half the amount asked for same privileges in the Foreign Society, and securing less revenue on that account. In

1883 we felt compelled to ask for two special collections, since only two or three of the States were giving us a dividend of missionary collections. We have found, however, that while we have helped into life and prosperity nearly all the missionary organizations, our increase of revenue has been comparatively slow, largely because our work has not been appreciated and because few of the active workers have thought it necessary to give emphasis to it. We believe the time has come when we should recognize these facts; and, while we rejoice in the success of all our children, that we should give not less attention to foreign missions, but more attention to the great work in our hands. We therefore recommend that, in addition to our present methods, the Corresponding Secretary, under advice and consent of the Board, proceed to create revenue districts of from fifty to one hundred churches in each district, and to appoint agents to canvass all our churches, except in States which adhere to the dividend plan, and give twenty-five per cent. of their regular receipts. We believe active preachers can be found in these districts who will serve for expenses, or a small compensation, and find time during the year to visit every church which does not respond to the call of the Corresponding Secretary. These agents should be instructed to resort to every honorable method which has proved successful in raising money. If necessary, conventions should be held at central points in such districts to create zeal for our great home missionary work. We must create permanent interest in our work in some way. As a people we have depended too much on temporary forces—forces which, like the fitful wind, may at times up-root a tree or demolish a great structure. Permanent forces are like the silent gravitation which is ever the same and may be depended on to keep mountains and suns and stars in their places for ages. We would greatly regret that any friction should be created by this new machinery, but our answer would be that "necessity is laid upon us." Believing as we do that our work is second to none among us, and that both as it relates to our own land and to foreign lands, it is impossible to exaggerate its importance, we owe it to ourselves, our neighbors, our fellow countrymen, and our fellow men to press its claims upon public attention till they shall be recognized. We ought to raise next year in cash for missionary purposes twenty-five thousand dollars; and we believe that through systematic effort, pursued year by year, we can speedily bring our annual offering for the home missions of the G. C. M. C. up to $50,000, and all this, too, without deducting a penny from the annual income of the State and Foreign Societies.

THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

The receipts during the year have been for regular extension fund $937; and for special extension fund (Boston house debt), $2,236.21. The Board has made but two loans during the year of $500 each, viz., to Phœnix, Arizona, where we have been sustaining a missionary for two years, and Osage City, Kansas, a city of four thousand people and a small struggling church. Many other applications have been made for aid. Some of those were not answered favorably for want of funds; others on account of defective title to property; others because the places did not promise any great degree of success. The committee has considered this fund as only supplemental to the best efforts of the churches to help themselves. In some cases it is quite evident to the committee that the best efforts are not put forth to secure the necessary funds at home. The committee has also been slow to grant loans to places situated in the midst of strong churches, which ought first

to be solicited to help, as also to places where the efforts of several years have failed to develop signs of life and prosperity. It is due to the committee to say that it has been most diligent in the work assigned it; and much praise is due to the Secretary, A. S. Ludlow, who has spared neither time nor pains in putting the loans in legal shape.

The outstanding loans from this fund are as follows: Richland Center, Wis., $600; Boston, Mass., $1,000; Chester, Neb., $400; Athens, Ga., $500; Chattanooga, Tenn., $500; Sterling, Kan., $250; Osage City, Kan., $500; Phœnix, Arizona, $500; Washington C. H., O., $500. Total, $4,750. The Treasurer's report shows $980,-57 on hand, a small part of which belongs to the Boston house fund. The total collections for the regular fund, since 1883, have been $5,558, and interest, $309,-23. It will be seen, too, that in the list of outstanding loans is one of $1,000 to Boston. This was used in making the first payment on the house in that city. We suggest that the treasury be reimbursed by general donations for this purpose. The note of $2,000 on the Boston house debt, due in July, was promptly met by the proceeds from the generous subscriptions made last year at Kansas City.

The Committee took into early consideration the recommendation of last Convention to employ a general agent to solicit funds for this department of our work. They found it no easy task to agree upon a brother to whom this work could be entrusted in the fullest confidence. To employ an untried man was to run great risk of failure. We are happy to be able to report that we have secured the services of F. M. Rains, of Topeka, Kan., whose ability to raise money has been tested, and who, we hope, will be entrusted with this work several years. The result of a single year will be no measure of ability or success. He will not raise money simply by cash collections, but chiefly by notes and pledges, and largely by securing bequests. *All* the fruits of his labors will not be seen for years. Our people should put into this fund $100,000. The great home missionary societies have come to emphasize quite as much the necessity of a house of worship as the nocessity of a preacher. Our missionaries are at an immense disadvantage as compared with those whose societies not only stand ready to sustain them, but also to build homes for the churches and schools which they may organize. We feel confident that Bro. Rains will bring heart and will and effort to the task of laying the foundation of a large extension fund. Let his work begin at this Convention.

COLORED MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

At the annual session of this Convention in 1885, the subject of schools among the colored people was referred to a Comittee, which reported favorably to bringing the Southern Christian Institute into closer connection with the General Convention. The plan suggested by the board and adopted by the Convention, was to allow the Corresponding Secretary to serve as one of the Trustees of the S. C. I., and this he has done for two years. The Committee further reported as follows: "In order to still closer connection between the Convention and the S. C. I., we recommend that a Committee be appointed to investigate the condition of the school and report to the next Convention a plan for the permanent control of the school by the brotherhood." For some reason the President failed to appoint this Committee, or if appointed, no record was made, so that at last meeting no report upon the subject was submitted. We recommend that such Comittee be appointed at this meeting. The

Coresponding Secretary has made one visit to the S. C. I., and reports the school and plantation to be well managed by Bro. Hobbs; but also expresses a conviction that the plantation alone will never support such a school as we need in Mississippi—and that at least $1,000 should be given annually by the brotherhood for its maintenance—and that much more will be needed at present to develop its highest efficiency. We are satisfied that the Southern Christian Institute is worthy our sympathy and encouragement. Its assests are a plantation of 800 acres and equipments for farming, worth at least $15,000; a farm in Illinois, worth $4,000, and notes payable at death of maker, for which $10,000 may be realized. Its indebtedness is only $3,000. The financial agent has suggested that a majority of shares of stock in this school can easily be assigned to the G. C. M. C., aud so make us the responsible party in the selection of trustees.

The trustees have all along felt their hands tied by the scanty means at their command, and very much desire that our people in the United States and Canada should take a deeper interest in its support, and make it an institution where teachers and preachers may be educated for better work among the colored people.

To some extent the same remarks apply to the school in New Castle, Ky. Your Board assisted the Board of the New Castle School to sustain Preston Taylor as general agent until April 1. We have also contributed a small sum to sustain Jas. G. Keys as evangelist in Mississippi, with the view to his giving personal attention to securing pupils for the Southern Christian institute.

With all this it will be seen that we are doing practically nothing for six millions of colored people in this country. One-tenth of our population—the descendants of heathen ancestors—only recently set free and made citizens of this great nation—more needy than any other class of citizens—are sending their cries to us annually without favorable answer. Patriotism and humanity, to say nothing of Christianity, demand that larger offerings should be made, so that the Board may be able to do immensely more for our brethren in black.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Board has contributed to the support of two aged ministers—one in Indiana and one in Nebraska—and an afflicted brother in Ohio. The fund has not been greatly increased by the offerings of the year, nor have any applications been made for aid except those noted above.

OUR DEAD.

During the year now closed we have been called to mourn the loss of Timothy Coop, of England—the man of large heart and liberal hand for every good word and work—whose example in public and private life is worthy the highest praise and closest imitation; Mrs. S. H. Scott, of Michigan, whose faith in Jesus and her great mission was illustrated by frequent and liberal donations while living, and generous bequests to all our missionary boards; W. J. Pettigrew, of Virginia; J. W. Lanphear, of Ohio; Wm. Lane, of Connecticut. and John Allen Gano, of Kentucky, who may be numbered in the list of pioneers in the religious movement which we represent—great as evangelists and efficient as pastors; F. G. Allen, of Kentucky; John H. Duncan, of Kansas, and H. S. Lobingier, of Pennsylvania, among the younger generation of preachers, who with tongue and pen proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ; Corydon E. Fuller, of Iowa; B. W. Couchman,

of Kentucky, and J. D. Metcalf, of Illinois, whose names have often appeared in the list of liberal contributors to our work: Mrs. James Leslie, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. T. P. Haley, of Missouri, life members and life workers. All these persons were in fullest sympathy with all our missionary work at home and abroad. Some of them passed away in the vigor of young manhood, and some in a ripe old age. We pause with solemnity at these new-made graves. We weep over our loss. We rejoice that their lives were faithfully lived, and that the promised rest has come to these weary toilers. We pray that the memory of lives so pure and true may help us to a higher consecration of all our powers to the same work to which they were prayerfully devoted.

CONCLUSION.

In closing our report we can not be unmindful of the many hearty words of sympathy and encouragement which have come to us from many quarters. We know you rejoice with us in the evident signs of progress in the home missionary work under control of both the State and General Boards. Our receipts for support of missionaries have nearly quardrupled in five years. We need only to quicken this spirit more and more to develop a deeper interest in the important home work, which can not be reached by our State organizations. May the Lord endow this Convention with wisdom to devise liberal things for his kingdom. America for Christ, and Christ for all America, that America may do immensely more to bring all the world to a knowledge of Christ and his salvation.

In behalf of the Board,

R. M. BISHOP, Chairman.

R. MOFFETT, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

V. O. PINCKARD, Treasurer, in account with General Christian Missionary Convention,

MISSIONARY FUND.

1886.		Dr.		
Oct. 15.	By balance in treasury			$ 16 77
	By collections during the year—			
	Regular missionary collections	$9,700	43	
	Special for other Missionary Boards	91	10	
	Collections by missionaries	9,687	22	
	From Trustees Christian Hymn Book	540	62	
	Borrowed	800	00	20,819 37
				$20,836 14

PAID OUT.		Cr.
To I. N. Grubbs, evangelist, S. Alabama	500 00	
To R. W. Vanhook, evangelist, N. Alabama	962 10	
To S. B. Moore, missionary, Selma, Alabama	800 00	
To L. W. Scott, evangelist, Eureka Springs, Ark	125 00	
To W. R. Spindler, evangelist, Fort Smith, Ark	975 00	
To J. S. Becknill, evangelist, Eureka Springs, Ark	305 11	
To Thos. H. McMullin, missionary Arizona	794 65	
To J. T. Sharrard, missionary in Colorado	475 00	
To W. T. Tibbs, evangelist, Pomona, Cal	265 75	
To J. C. Oakshett, missionary Watertown, Dak	593 80	
To J. A. Seaton, missionary Watertown, Dak	186 75	
To F. M. Collins, missionary S. Dakota	677 70	
To N. B. Baldwin, S. E. Dakota	394 81	
To T. H. Blenus, missionary, Jacksonville, Fla	576 00	
To Preston Taylor, among the colored	174 50	
To J. S. Myers, missionary at Atchison, Kan	1005 00	
To Wm. Irelan, missionary at Lawrence, Kan	373 29	
To J. H. Garrison, Boston, Mass	53 00	
To Geo. Darsie, Boston, Mass	1,524 65	
To Jas. Sharp, evangelist in Mississippi	505 00	
To G. L. Brokaw, evangelist at St. Paul, Minnesota	1,252 50	
To J. C. Stark, evangelist at Rochester, Minn	363 27	
To R. C. Barrow, missionary in Nebraska	722 45	
To J. K. Reid, missionary in Nebraska	90 00	
To Dr. A. H. Sawyer, missionary in Omaha, Neb	250 00	
To C. W. Martz, missionary in North Carolina	380 00	
To D. R. Wilkins, missionary in Tennessee	299 36	
To C. C. Smith, evangelist, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1,200 00	
To J. B. Daisely, missionary in S. E. Washington Territory	233 35	
To A. W. Dean, missionary in N. E. Washington Territory	767 50	
To K. H. Sicafoose, missionary in Tacoma Washington Territory	390 25	
To R. H. Moss, in Seattle, Washington Territory	400 00	
To A. M. Sweeney, Tacoma, Washington Territory	299 55	
		17,915 34
To R. Moffett, Cor. Sec. G. C. M. C. salary	1,800 00	
To R. Moffett, expenses traveling, postage, printing, etc	538 48	
To A. McLean for rent of room	75 00	
To A. McLean, Cor. Sec. F. C. M. S. collections	85 10	
To S. C. I. and C. W. B. M. for collections	6 00	
To Hall Safe & Lock Co., for safe	60 00	
To Standard Publishing Company, for printing minutes	140 00	
		2,704 58
Balance		216 22
		$20,836,14

RELIEF FUND.

1886.	Dr.	
Oct. 15, 1886. By balance		226 75
Amount paid in by Cor. Sec	72 05	
Amount paid Sister Harvuot, est	100 00	172 05
		$ 398 80

PAID OUT.

To J. M. Nugent, Marrietta, O	60 00	
To H. S Lobinger, California	100 00	
To J. M. Mathes, Bedford, Ind	60 00	
To L. J. Correll, Arnold, Neb	25 00	
		245 00
Balance		153 80
		$ 398 80

TRACT FUND.

	Dr.	
Oct. 15. 1886. By balance		89 52
Amount paid in by Cor. Sec	270 93	270 93
		$ 360 45

PAID OUT

To Standard Publishing Company for printing		340 00
Balance		20 45
		$ 360 45

EXTENSION FUND.

1886.		
Oct. 15, 1886. By balance		649 71
Cash of A. Teachout & Son and others for loans	937 00	
Collections for special work	2,236 21	
Collections, interest on loans	54 00	
Collections repaid on loans	300 00	3,527 21
		$ 4,176 92

PAID OUT.

To paid for special work	2,096 35	
To paid for loans	1,100 00	
		3,196 35
Balance		980 57
		$ 4,176 92

Table Exhibiting the Labor of Missionaries for the Year ending October 1, 1887.

* Not included in footings.

NAME OF MISSIONARY.	POST OFFICE.	State or Territory.	Days.....	Sermons ...	Baptisms...	Other Accessions.....	Churches visited and assisted.....	New places visited.....	No. churches organized...	Am't collected on field for remuneration.....	Am't received from treasury G. C. M. C.....	Am't received in cash and pledges for local work..
Thos. H. McMullin	Phœnix	Arizona	365	101	3	8	1	2	....	$ 300 00	$ 494 65	$2500 00
R. W. Vanhook	Birmingham	Alabama	365	225	44	102	12	4	1	662 10	300 00	2500 00
S. B. Moore	Selma	Alabama	365	87	15	16	....	2	....	700 00	100 00	500 00
J. N. Grubb	Marion	Alabama	365	141	54	13	5	3	4	400 00	100 00	500 00
W. R. Spindler	Fort Smith	Arkansas	270	49	5	14	1	....	....	900 00	75 00	3000 00
L. W. Scott	Eureka Springs	Arkansas	90	21	....	1	....	....	....	75 00	50 00	50 00
J. S. Becknill	Eureka Springs	Arkansas	182	50	1	15	1	....	....	205 11	100 00	100 00
W. T. Tibbs	Pomona	California	92	21	7	1	2	....	....	139 75	126 00	500 00
J. T. Sharrard	Denver	Colorado	315	196	27	65	8	10	3	486 95*	475 00	4695 00
F. M. Collins	St. Lawrence	Dakota	270	148	40	21	4	2	....	91 20	586 50	.....
N. B. Baldwin	Olivet	Dakota	319	137	41	54	8	2	2	194 81	200 00	.....
J. A. Seaton	Watertown	Dakota	65	40	....	2	....	11	....	24 25	162 50	.....
J. C. Oakshett	Watertown	Dakota	318	165	15	4	1	5	....	306 30	287 50	.....
T. H. Blenus	Jacksonville	Florida	232	110	9	18	2	....	....	256 00	320 00	2500 00
J. S. Myers	Atchison	Kansas	365	195	127	48	4	....	....	765 00	240 00	655 00
Wm. Irelan	Lawrence	Kansas	272	89	15	13	1	2	....	238 29	135 00	1000 00
James Sharp	Columbus	Mississippi	365	272	11	34	17	22	7	520 00*	430 00	4000 00
James Keyes	Hemingway	Mississippi	270	108	51	30	22	11	....	94 20*	75 00	.....
G. L. Brokaw	St. Paul	Minnesota	402	149	8	32	1	....	....	712 50	540 00	2500 00
J. C. Starke	Rochester	Minnesota	182	100	32	37	4	3	1	303 00	60 27	500 00
J. H. Garrison	Boston	Massachusetts	15	6	....	....	....	....	....	.....	53 00	.....
George Darsie	Boston	Massachusetts	283	90	14	23	1	....	....	500 60*	1524 65	.....
R. C. Barrow	Tecumseh	Nebraska	365	340	102	88	30	5	2	463 90	258 55	1200 00
A. H. Sawyer	Omaha	Nebraska	90	20	....	....	....	1	....	150 00	100 00	.....
J. K. Reid	Omaha	Nebraska	91	21	....	20	1	....	1	40 00	50 00	.....
C. H. Martz	Raleigh	North Carolina	122	20	....	....	....	1	....	300 00	80 00	.....
Preston Taylor	Nashville	Tennessee	100	50	....	....	....	....	....	.....	174 50	.....
D. R. Wilkins	Memphis	Tennessee	180	74	....	8	1	....	....	199 36	100 00	.....
J. B. Daisley	Dayton	Washington Ter.	92	89	44	40	2	3	....	208 35	25 00	.....
A. M. Sweaney	Tacoma	Washington Ter.	182	119	17	6	3	....	....	149 55	150 00	.....
K. H. Sicafoose	Tacoma	Washington Ter.	120	38	1	5	....	2	....	340 25	50 00	.....
R. H. Moss	Seattle	Washington Ter.	365	129	9	19	2	1	....	300 00	100 00	.....
A. W. Dean	Medical Lake	Washington Ter.	365	146	19	25	6	4	4	562 50	205 00	.....
C. C. Smith	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	365	113	10	11	1	....	....	700 00	500 00	.....
R. Moffett	Cleveland	Ohio	365	152	41	15	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Footings			8579	3710	762	792	143	96	25	$9687 22	$8228 12	$26200 00

Table Exhibiting the Missionary Work of the State Organizations, for the year indicated in 1st column.

*Estimated. †Of this sum, $10,419.19 was collected by Evangelists on their fields of labor. ‡For Hiram College.

STATE.	Year	No. of Miss'naries for whole or part year	Days	Sermons	Baptisms	Other accessions	Churches visited and assisted	Unorganized places visited	Churches Organized	Places assisted in building	Raised by State Bo'rd	Raised by County and District Boards	Raised by evangelists for church building & other local work	Membership in State.
Alabama	1887	1	90	70	25	40	12	3	3	.....	$ 200 00	$.....	.....	4560
Arkansas*	1887	2	730	650	95	75	36	10	.....	2	1300 00	.....	.....	4000
California	1887	1	365	350	146	120	12	.....	4	3	2500 00	1500 00	1700 00	15000
California, S. S. Ass'n	1886	1	365	220	111	66	25	.....	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	1887	1	314	196	27	65	10	58	3	4	485 85	.....	4695 00	1400
Dakota*	1887	1	60	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	600
Florida	1886	1	30	30	10	25	2	3	2	.....	300 00	.....	.....	2500
Georgia	1887	4	780	400	600	100	40	6	2	4	551 25	500 00	.....	8000
Indiana	1887	7	2520	1500	836	351	40	15	8	.....	2100 00	3964 00	.....	95000
Indiana, S. S. Ass'n*	1887	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2500 00	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	1887	7	711	852	537	334	32	4	4	.....	4334 40	.....	.....	52000
Illinois, S. S. Ass'n*	1887	1	365	200	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	.....	.....
Iowa	1887	9	845	666	312	146	80	5	5	2	2962 08	153 00	7000 00	21000
Kansas	1887	6	1322	994	160	301	144	20	10	.....	3520 78	.....	.....	30000
Kansas, S. S. Ass'n	1886	2	622	90	10	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	2417 20	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	1887	20	2036	1959	629	687	258	10	6	.....	5299 47	2000 00	3946 73	65000
Kentucky, S. W.*	1887	2	730	500	200	100	25	10	.....	.....	4500 00	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky, S. S. Ass'n*	1887	1	365	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1900 00	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	1887	55	6229	4888	1697	1237	444	15	41	28	17713 21	6483 53	28777 71	78000
Missouri, S. S. Ass'n	1887	3	997	1101	161	46	108	.....	1	.....	3634 80	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota	1887	3	705	370	98	74	18	.....	.....	.....	1041 06	.....	3750 00	4500
Mississippi	1887	4	930	650	160	219	40	38	4	2	2144 05	.....	12000 00	10000
Maryland and D. C.	1887	3	1095	400	87	.....	4	2	1	.....	754 36	.....	1500 00	2500
Michigan	1886	4	776	462	236	61	20	10	2	.....	1589 16	1500 00	2500 00	8000
New York	1887	2	600	315	38	12	15	3	1	1	1920 13	.....	2000 00	4200
Nebraska	1887	5	1467	1650	700	300	65	18	8	8	1312 23	2500 00	2000 00	12000
New England	1887	1	365	104	14	23	1	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	1000
North Carolina*	1887	2	633	300	20	15	10	.....	.....	.....	800 00	437 00	.....	10000
Ohio	1887	22	2161	1179	639	283	120	14	4	4	5180 04	3289 96	15000 00‡	42000
Oregon	1887	2	730	418	48	75	20	3	2	.....	1100 00	500 00	.....	4000
Pennsylvania*	1887	4	1060	600	114	39	75	5	.....	.....	1412 51	1500 00	1500 00	10000
Texas	1887	10	1945	1500	300	200	57	50	12	5	2000 00	2000 00	2000 00	40000
Tennessee (Dist's only)*	1886	3	600	500	60	40	30	4	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	.....	35000
Wisconsin	1887	1	40	30	...	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	1200 00	1100
West Virginia*	1887	1	40	30	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	1200
Virginia*	1887	4	800	600	50	40	20	.....	.....	.....	2500 00	1500 00	.....	16000
Miscellaneous*	1887	3	800	700	50	60	30	20	.....	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	7200
Total		200	34273	24804	8970	5134	1878	326	123	63	83422 58	29327 49	89371 44	625000

Adding work of G. C. M. C., we have, Missionaries, 231; Baptisms, 9932; Other Accessions, 5926; New Organizations, 140; Collections, $137,539.63

RECEIPTS

FROM OCTOBER 14, 1886, TO OCTOBER 10, 1887.

Special Funds are indicated:—E, Extension; B, Boston Mission; T, Tract; R, Ministerial Relief.

ALABAMA.

Gadsten		20 00
Mt. Hebron		10 00
Selma		15 55

ARKANSAS.

Eureka Springs		13 00
N. J. Briggs		5 00
L. W. Scott		10 00
Fayetteville		4 60
Sunday-school		4 96
Ft. Smith, Mary E. Cravens		10 00
Russellville		5 50

CALIFORNIA.

Glenville, Thos. Waller		1 00
Healdsburg		4 00
Irving, L. N. Early		20 00
Needles, S. Beckner		6 00

CONNECTICUT.

Danbury, J. L. Darsie		10 00
New Haven, Mrs. E. J. Toof		20 00

COLORADO.

Colorado Springs		7 10
Denver		46 50
Isaac E. Barnum		100 00
W. B. Craig		20 00
J. T. Sharrard		10 00
Loveland		3 80
Pueblo		8 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Vermont Ave. Ch.		20 00
" "	B	50 00
Aux. C. W. B. M.		10 00

DAKOTA.

Ipswith, M. K. Kirk		5 00
Watertown		14 55
Willing Workers		91

ENGLAND.

Cheltenham, H. S. Earl		20 00
Southport, Timothy Coop	T	50 00
" "	B	103 35
Joseph Coop	B	103 35

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, C. B. Smith		20 00
Mannville		3 50
Stark		2 00

GEORGIA.

Bethany		1 00
W. D. Dingler		1 05
Mattie Scott		50

INDIANA.

Angola, A. S. Hale		20 00
Bainbridge		3 30
Bloomington		4 25
Bethany Park		4 00
Boone Grove		10 00
Bedford, W. C. Winstandly		10 00
Mrs. W. C. Winstandly		10 00
Cambridge		3 00
Columbus		10 00
Dublin		2 50
Decatur, Mrs. M. L. Halloway		1 00
Indianapolis, Central S. S.		12 80
J. H. O. Smith		20 00
Mrs. H. M. Soliday		5 00
W. K. Asbill		5 00
W. J. Wheeler		10 00
A Clifford		5 00
Mrs. L. H. Jameson		1 00
S. E. Pearre		10 00
Irvington		10 00
Jamestown		2 70
Kokomo		11 33
Loogootee		18 00
Sunday-school		20 00
La Porte		10 00
Lagansport		4 99
Metz		20 00
McGilboa		4 00
Mishawaka, Three Sisters		1 30
Noblesville, E. W. Darst		30 00
New Castle		10 00
Owensburg, Samantha Dishman		35 00
Peru, Mrs. M. Conkling		1 00
Renssalear, W. H. H. Graham		35 00
Rushville		14 26
For F. C. M. S.		20 00
J. L. Parsons		5 00
Spencer		8 00
Star City, Thos Graffis		1 00
Mary T. Graffis		1 00
W. H. Graffis		1 00
Spartanburg, E. L. Anderson		10 00
South Bend		7 91
A. Houston		10 00
Spring Creek		6 00
Terre Haute, B. L. Smith		5 00
Union City		7 43
Valparaiso, Mrs. E. A. Philbrick		12 50
Vincennes		3 30
Vistula, Mrs. S. Nash		1 00
Warren Center S. H		2 42
Winchester		10 00
Warsaw		80
S. S. for F. C. M. S.		3 80
Wabash		16 00
A. M. Atkinson	B	103 35

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IOWA.

Altoona, J. B. Vawter		20 00
Brooks		5 60
Bangor		1 29
Bloomfield, L. K. Miller		5 00

Cedar Rapids		44 86
"	B	200 00
Sunday school		60 55
Willing Workers		10 00
F. A. Niles		10 00
A. Miller		10 00
B. H. Witwer		40 00
P. C. Frick		100 00
B. O. Aylesworth		20 00
" for Elsie Smith,		5 00
I. H. Shaver		100 00
H. E. Witwer		10 00
Centerville, F. M. Drake		20 00
F. M. Drake	T	20 00
Mrs. Mary Drake		10 00
F. M. Drake, Univer'y pl'ge,	E	100 00
F. M. Drake	B	103 35
Columbus City		2 25
F. D. Eisenhart		1 00
Davenport		31 30
Willing Workers		10 00
G. J. Ellis		10 00
DesMoines	B	103 35
Frances M. Owens		10 00
Mrs. L. T. Dunlap		10 00
University Place		10 93
Geo. A. Jewett	B	50 00
F. M. Kirkham		20 00
Dubuque, L. F. Williams		25 00
Decorah, G. C. Winship		10 00
DeSoto		28 20
W. E. Garrett		5 00
Mrs. H. G. Van Meter	B	5 00
Eldora		7 05
East Des Moines		4 00
Farhamville, A Disciple		50
Floyd, W. A. Crusinbury		5 00
Farragut		4 00
Humeston, Clara Mc Kinley		5 00
Indianapolis		3 40
Iowa City		21 00
Iowa State Board		25 00
Kellogg		10 00
H. P. Dyer		10 00
J. B. Burton		10 00
Liscomb		15 00
H. H. Wilson		10 00
Long Grove		16 00
Le Claire		1 75
Lost Creek		3 20
Marion		10 00
J. Hurd		10 00
Madison		4 67
North English		2 00
Oskaloosa, Wm. M. Semones		3 00
Sallie B. Semones		2 00
Panora, L. Harvuot		20 00
Mrs. L. Harvuot	R	100 00
W. D. Swain		5 00
Redfield		26 50
"	B	3 00
Shenandoah		4 11
Sunday-school		2 70
M. P. Hayden		5 00
Spencer		2 72
Stennett		1 30
Washington		1 10
Waterloo		68
West Liberty		13 10
Woodbine, Josiah Coe		10 00

ILLINOIS.

Antioch (Mogan Co.)		11 19
Augusta		4 72
John Stark		20 00
R. B. Bowman		5 00
D. P. Coffman		5 00
M. P. Haydn		5 00
A. B. Mathers		50
Asumption, S. M. Coonrad		10 00
Adrian		3 50
Athens		3 00
Armington		4 00
Berlin		2 94
Bement, J. W. Robbins		10 00
Blandinville		10 00
Blooming Grove		2 23
Bloomington		6 25
G. D. Sitherwood		5 00
H. D. Clark		1 00
Mrs. H. D. Clark		1 00
W. H. Beaver		2 50
J. Loar		1 00
Burnsides		3 50
Chicago, West side		15 75
A. B. Fenton		40 00
C. P. Corey		5 00
N. J. Relph		5 00
Thos. Hodge		5 00
Mrs. Helen Burr.		10 00
Jerome Trunkey		10 00
James D. Leach		5 00
J. Rice Brown		10 00
A. B. Cole		5 00
James Chapman		5 00
C. C. Chapman		10 00
J. W. Allen		20 00
Mrs. J. W. Allen		20 00
West Side Aux		5 00
" Sunday-school		10 00
Mrs. Stover		3 00
Bro. Beiderman		25
Indiana Street		10 00
Robert Spurgin		5 00
J. P. Dargitz		10 00
Charleston	B	6 00
Carthage		12 04
Cisne		1 00
Center Ridge		1 15
Clay City		2 26
Colfax, W. G. Anderson		10 00
Decatur		8 00
Danville		20 00
Mrs. G. H. Kimbal		5 00
DuQoin		5 40
Eureka		18 36
B. J. Radford		5 00
M. Pifer		5 00
J. G. Waggoner		10 00
Miss E. J. Dickinson		10 00
Christian Workers	B	5 00
Elkhart, Sunday-School		1 25
Elgin, School House		3 15
Elora		5 60
Fisher		5 24
Sunday-school		3 00
Harristown		45 00
Hittle's Grove		10 00
Homer		5 00
Ingraham		5 35
Illiopolis		28 20
Illinois State Missionary Board		100 00
Jacksonville		56 53
George Hillsby		10 00
Jno. Kirk		10 00
Children's Mission Band		10 00
E. G. Rice		1 00
LaHarpe		4 00
Lanark		5 00
Mackinaw		4 60
Thos. Edwards		10 00
Monmouth		8 80
J. W. Kelsey		10 00
Miss T. V. Berry	B	10 00
Mechanicsburg		4 36

Mattoon		1 00
George Beaty		1 00
R. E. Dunlap		5 00
Mt. Morris		4 20
Macomb		5 00
Minier		8 45
Minonk, Sunday-school, F. C. M. S.		2 15
Mt. Hebron		4 23
Milton, J. O. Bolin		5 00
Normal		2 76
Osman		3 25
Pittsfield		10 00
J. A. Roberts		10 00
Petersburg, Young Ladies' Class		5 00
Pine Creek		3 20
Paris		10 00
Payson		2 00
Peoria		13 37
"	R	4 00
N. S. Haynes		20 00
"	T	5 00
M. Trowbridge		4 50
Quincy		6 75
J. R. Stevenson		10 00
P. G. Lind		5 00
Mrs. T. C. Fox		10 00
J. B. Mayfield		10 00
Riggston, G. W. Camp		33 00
Rockford, D. S. Hough		40 00
Rochester, Jane L. Humphreys		10 00
Rock Island, Mrs. J. H. Wright		5 00
Mrs. E. Holt's Estate		100 00
Rutland		2 75
Springfield		3 69
Mrs. H. Pasfield	T	5 00
E. V. Zollars		12 50
V. T. Lindsay		5 00
Taylorsville, Widows' Mite		2 00
Tolbert's Creek		8 00
Washburn		16 00
W. H. Hayden		10 00
Westfield, Eliza'th Spencer, S.C.I		3 00
Eliza'th Spencer, C.W. B.M.		3 00
West Point		4 00
Woodland		1 75
Watseka		25 00

KANSAS.

Arlington		4 20
Atchison		10 00
J. J. Locker		5 00
Burlington		2 00
Chanute, Mrs. A. B. Markle	B	13 00
Emporia		14 64
Joel Wood		1 00
R. L. Lotz		10 00
Empire		3 00
Ft. Scott	T	5 00
Young Peoples' Circle		8 00
G. T. Purvis	B	1 00
Farmington, Pardee Butler		10 00
Hiawatha		1 91
Robert Patton	B	103 35
Jewell City		2 00
W. N. Porter		50
Lawrence		7 55
Lansing, J. H. Bauseman		10 00
Mead's Center		5 25
McPherson		4 80
Manhattan		7 50
A. J. Thompson		20 00
M. Ingells	T	5 00
Medicine Lodge, A. H. Mulkey		1 00
ortinville		1 25
Oswego, R. A. Thompson		1 00
Parsons		8 00
Pratt		3 05
Salina		10 10
Sharon		2 60
Topeka		11 70
F. M. Rains		5 00
C. W. Pool	T	5 00
C. W. B. M.		2 50
C. F. Saunders		2 00
Wellington		2 25
Winfield, Mrs. J. M. Vawter	B	13 00
Wilburn		2 00
Wichita, Robert Spurgin		10 00
F. F. O		20 00
W. H. Morse		10 00

KENTUCKY.

Antioch, Oldham Co		5 00
Augusta		1 60
Beard's, J. Crum		10 00
Butler		1 40
Brownsboro, W. C. Withers	T	5 00
Covington, Fourth St		60 00
Cynthiana, C. B. Edgar		10 00
J. S. Withers	B	10 00
Danville	B	103 35
Eminence, W. T. Donelson		10 00
Frankfort		90 10
Sunday-school		20 00
Georgetown		10 00
Glencoe, P. H. Duncan		10 00
Gilead		1 55
Greens Chapel		2 50
Henderson		3 35
W. B. Taylor		10 00
Hopkinsville		24 86
L. W. Welsh		5 00
Mrs. L. W. Welsh		10 00
Jeffersontown, Sunday-school		1 00
Lexington, Main St		25 00
R. T. Mathews		20 00
H. H. White		10 00
Mrs. C. L. Loose		10 00
W. W. Estell		10 00
G. A. Delong		20 00
A. R. Milligan		20 00
Albert Allen		20 00
Robert Graham		3 00
Louisville, Third Church		10 00
Fourth and Walnut		28 56
" "	B	105 36
Floyd and Chestnut		25 00
OwenGathright		15 00
W. J. Herndon		5 00
Mt. Sterling		120 00
For Pomona		51 00
B. W. Trimbell		10 00
Maysville		26 00
Mt. Carmel		3 50
Nicholasville		6 75
North Middletown, A. S. Dabney		10 00
Owenton		13 97
Orangeburg		6 90
Richmond, C. P. Williamson		40 00
Sonora		2 57
Winchester		66 40
Woodsville		1 88

LOUISIANA

New Orleans, Sunday-school		5 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston		43 86
George Darsie		49 65
Peru, H. M. Benton		10 00
Worcester, A. J. Foote		5 00

MINNESOTA.

Duluth		3 25
Little Sheave Gatherers		5 00
J. A. Walters		5 00

Minneapolis		14 37
Marion		3 00
Pleasant Grove		7 00
Plainview		4 00
Rochester		6 27
St. Paul		15 35
G. L. Prokaw		10 00
St. Peter, Chas. L. Phelps		2 00

MARYLAND

Baltimore, Paca St. Church		41 68
" "	T	12 58
J. B. Thomas		10 00
Mrs. J. B. Thomas		10 00
Beaver Creek, W. S. Hoye		20 00
Alex Newcomer		10 00
Mrs. Ellie Newcomer		10 00
Jerusalem		3 00
Rockville		10 00

MONTANA.

Helena		17 00

MISSISSIPPI.

Agricultural College		10 00
D. L. Phares		20 00
Baldwyn, L. C. Prather		5 00
J. R. Dubbs		5 00
A. B. McKay		2 00
Columbus, J. H. Stevens		15 00
Jas. Sharp		20 00
Mrs. M. Sharp		10 00
Corinth		4 50
Eureka, M. M. Davis		5 00
Hemmingway, J. W. S. Merrell		5 00
Lulu, Joseph Townsend		5 00
" "	T	10 00
Mississippi State Convention		13 50
Palo Alto, Dr. D. B. Hill		5 50
Utica, R. A. Bishop		5 00
Sunday-school		5 00
Woodville, C. W. Sadler		10 00
West Point, F. R. Hamlin		5 00

MISSOURI.

Albany, D. D. Kingbury		10 00
Sunday-school, for F.C.M.S.		6 15
Butler, W. E. Tucker		20 00
Bunkerhill, per J. C. R.		10 00
Camp Point		4 25
Cameron, B. U. Watkins		5 00
Columbia, W. A. Oldham		10 00
Mrs. J. K. Rogers		10 00
J. M. Monser		5 00
Centralia		5 00
Central, Dan'l Booth		50 00
Edgerton, Alex Breckenridge	B	25 00
Franklin		4 35
Gallatin, J. W. Alexander		5 00
Greenwood		1 80
Huntsville		10 00
Independence	B	103 00
Jno. A. Sea	B	51 70
W. H. Williams	B	15 00
Miss Mollie Hughes		5 00
Kansas City	B	103 00
A Sister		5 00
L. F. Stevens		5 00
Geo. H. Kerr		20 00
J. H. Smart		20 00
R. M. Snyder		20 00
R. L. Yeager		20 00
J. Z. Taylor	B	103 50
D. O. Smart		20 00
Mrs. A. M. Lay		10 00
Mrs. M. Kate French		10 00
Kirkville		20 00
Mrs. T. Ely		5 00
S. Ely	T	5 00
Kearney, Mrs. C. Burgess		5 00
Lebanon, H. U. Dale		20 00
La Plata		11 25
J. T. Evans		20 00
La Belle, per J. C. R		5 00
Kate C. Rumble		5 00
Lexington, J. B. Shelby	B	10 00
Moberly, Mrs. M. B. Coats		20 00
" "	T	5 00
Missouri State Board		1280 00
New Santa Fe		4 00
Oak Grove		3 65
Pleasant Hill		8 00
Mrs. M. D. Bledsoe		2 00
Perche, G. A. Hoffman		30 00
Paris		25 00
J. H. Beazley		10 00
R. D. Cotton		10 00
Parkville, a brother		1 20
Plattsburg, C. W. B. M	T	6 50
Platte City, W. C. Wells	T	10 00
Fred Krause		10 00
E. O. Waller	B	25 00
Rising Sun		5 20
Richmond		8 40
Sunday School		3 50
St. Louis, Mrs. L. D. Mayhew		10 00
J. H. Garrison		36 00
Sprague, two brethren		1 25
W. B. Miller	T	25
Sedalia, N. H. Gentry		20 00
St. Joseph, W. M. Goode	T	5 00
Vandalia, R. D. Chum	T	1 00
Wellsville		1 50
Windsor, per W. T. Shivel		20 00
Mrs. R. Whitney, F. C. M. S.		10 00

MICHIGAN.

Alpine, Mrs. A. M. Church		2 00
Bloomingdale		2 35
Cambria, Mrs. M. A. Gibbons		5 00
Coldwater, S. S. Scoville		1 00
Dowagiac		2 40
"	B	5 00
Decatur, J. H. Hammond	B	5 00
Duplain		8 00
L. Wilcox		1 00
Detroit, W. B. Thomson		10 00
Mrs. S. H. Scott		100 00
" "	R	50 00
Grand Rapids		31 00
W. F. Richardson		10 00
Mrs. W. Belamy		1 00
S. Guibert		1 00
Chloe Seymour		2 00
L. C. Stowe		10 00
Ladies' Aid Society		10 00
Greenville, Frank E. Moon		10 00
Hills Corners, Missionary Society		2 60
Ionia		5 00
Millbrook		1 53
New Haven		7 69
Paw Paw		12 34
B. H. Hayden		20 00
Remus		1 20
Wayland		10 00
Waldron		1 00
Woodward Lake		3 44

NEBRASKA.

Antioch		2 16
Arapahoe, C. P. Evans		5 00
" " F. C. M. S.		5 00
Broken Bow, Mrs. J. M. Chapin		10 00
Beatrice		18 20
A. C. Sabin		5 00

Burchard, W. B. Rafer		50
Chester, J. W. Walker		1 00
Craig		2 00
Clay Center		3 52
Fairfield		8 88
O. C. Hubbell		10 00
Greenwood		6 00
Harvard		2 35
C. Rockhill		10 00
Humboldt, E. L. Poston, F.C.M.S.		5 00
Hampton		2 00
Keaney		1 00
Lincoln		24 22
Mrs. J. B. Johnson		5 00
Mrs. Dr. Green		20 00
Bertha C. Quick		20 00
George E. Biglow		20 00
Nebraska City		2 10
Nelson		2 32
Nebraska State Convention		30 80
Omaha Convention		10 00
Mrs. S. V. Cotner		5 00
Rock Creek		2 80
Wolf Creek		2 20
NEW YORK.		
Auburn		5 66
Buffalo		21 45
Mrs. J. Tillinghast		20 00
D. L. Ransom		5 00
" " F. C. M. S		20 00
Mrs. Nettie M. Ransom		20 00
Anna G. Kellogg		20 00
Mrs. L. Spears		40
New York, C. M. S.		20 00
56th St. Sunday School		10 00
B. B. Tyler		20 00
2d Church		10 50
" Sunday School		7 60
Oswego. W. L. Welsh		5 00
Pompey		16 00
Poestenkill		3 25
S. Rohrer		10 00
Pembroke		3 00
Redfield, Mrs. Sarah McKinney		20 00
Suspension Bridge, O.G. Hertzog	B	25 00
South Butler		5 07
Scio		1 90
Tonawanda		10 00
Tully		3 80
Troy, Church and Sunday School		11 72
NORTH CAROLINA.		
Kinston		6 65
	R	5 50
Sunday School		1 45
" "	R	1 80
State Board		4 05
Wheat Swamp		2 25
OREGON.		
Hillsboro, T. D. Humphrey		10 00
Milton		6 00
Portland		6 00
OHIO.		
Akron		40 00
Sunday School		85 00
Albert Allen		25 00
W. B. Storer		10 00
Levi Marshall		10 00
Ada		5 00
Aurora		5 00
Bellaire		7 36
Bedford, Mrs. A. Robinette		10 00
Cleveland, Euclid Ave		31 05
Euclid Ave	B	48 50
R. Moffett		10 00
Mamie A. Moffett		10 00
H. E. McMillin		10 00
D. P. Nickerson		5 00
Franklin Ave	B	55 00
A. Teachout	E	500 00
A. R. Teachout		10 00
Sarah A. Teachout		10 00
D. W. Storer		20 00
S. L. Darsie		10 00
Matilda Beebee		5 00
Young Peoples' League	E	14 00
O. P. Newcomb		10 00
Mrs. Sturgeon		10 00
Miles Ave		10 00
Annie E. Darsie		17 00
Cincinnati, Central		3 75
" "	B	105 00
W. S. Dickinson	E	200 00
" "	B	103 50
" "	T	10 00
C. H. Boaz	B	25 85
" "		20 00
Central Sunday School		22 62
Laura Cunningham		10 00
T. M. Worcester		40 00
Miss M. K. Riddell		20 00
Joseph F. Wright		20 00
D. M. Hawkins		10 00
Mrs. D. M. Hawkins		10 00
B. W. Warson		20 00
Mrs. W. R. Cook		10 00
Richmond Street		39 18
" " Sunday School		20 00
Isaac Errett	B	103 35
H. McDarmid		10 00
A. McLean	B	106 00
Walnut Hills, C. L. Gould		20 00
Mrs. Josephine Gould		10 00
Sallie Gould		10 00
Mollie Gould		10 00
S. M. Jefferson		10 00
Clifton, L. S. B		1 00
Chesterfield, Sunday School		2 42
Chatham, E. S. Moody		10 00
Canfield		2 62
Elyria		5 00
J. H. Garvin		5 00
Elmore, Mrs. Hunt's Class		10 00
Fayette, Mr. & Mrs. Bates		3 00
S. Metzler		10 00
Fowler's Mills		8 40
Granger, C. J. Tannar		10 00
Geneva		4 25
J. S. Ross		2 00
Georgetown, Y. M. C		2 80
Green, (Mahoning Co.)		22 25
Greensburg		4 50
Galena, S. Wambaugh		3 00
Hopedale, F. M. Dowling		10 00
Hiram, Mrs. O. C. Atwater		10 00
Hamilton		10 00
R. S. Groves		10 00
Hartford (Croton P. O.)		2 00
Kipton, S. E. Wirtz	E	10 00
Lordstown, Orman Dean		5 00
Lima, J. M. Atwater		10 00
Liberty, Y. P. M. C		1 50
Mt. Healthy		10 00
C. Snodgrass		10 00
Monroe, (Holmes Co.)		7 07
Mt. Vernon		10 00
Massillon, C. W. B. M.		10 00
New Lisbon		13 15
"	R	5 75
North Eaton		4 40
New Philadelphia		1 25
J. H. Dodd		10 00

North Fairfield		20 57
Sunday School		1 34
J. N. Wilson		10 00
New Berlin		6 65
New Antioch		20 00
Y. P. M. C		6 00
Ohio State Board		283 70
Portsmouth, J. F. Davis		20 00
" "	T	25 00
D. J. F		28 81
Phillips Church		1 50
Ravenna, Young Ladies' Band	E	10 00
Mrs. H. J. White		1 00
Lois White		1 00
Randolph Lizzie Dodge		10 00
Springfield		2 10
Sunday Sunday		4 75
Sullivan, Mrs. C. D. Pritchard		10 00
Y. P. M. C		1 15
Solon		5 58
South Russell		1 70
Springdale, Mrs. Eli'th Howell	B	50 00
Shreve, O. Q. Oviatt		10 00
Utica, a sister		1 00
Warren		15 00
Youngstown, Jno Lerner		10 00

PENNSYLVANIA

Alba		6 55
Allegheny, Joseph King	R	5 00
Braddock's, J. P. McCune		20 00
E. A. Bosworth		15 00
Connellsville		12 98
Dutch Fork		14 00
Dinsmore, Sunday School		2 00
East Smithfield		8 60
Granville Center		5 65
Hazlewood		25 30
H. W. Oliver		5 00
Mrs. H. W. Oliver		10 00
Mrs. W. J. Lewis		10 00
Mrs. R. D. Holbrook		10 00
Mrs. E. Evans		10 00
Mrs. Geo. Oliver		10 00
Johnstown		75
W. L. Hayden		15 00
LeRoy		4 20
Lock Haven		6 02
Lone Pine, O. F. Lyon		10 00
Plymouth		21 92
Pittsburg		10 58
Philadelphia, S. W. VanCulin	E	100 00
Somerset		5 50
Belle Kimmell		5 00
Troy		3 85
Trent, Jennie Moore		5 00
Washington		11 20
Williamsport		2 16

TENNESSEE.

Beaver Creek		1 30
Chattanooga, Walnut St		8 47
Sunday School		10 00
Young People's Society		5 00
Henderson, J. B. Inman		3 75
Knoxville		8 00
Minnick, W. W. Newkirk		2 00

TEXAS.

Austin, J. Wilkins		10 00
Dallas		5 00
Mrs. A. A. Johnson		5 00
H. Douglas		5 00
J. H. Rosencrantz		5 00
Paint Rock, M. J. Columbia		2 00
Taylorsville		10 00
C. P. Vance		5 00
Thorp Springs, A. J. Bush		10 00
Texas State S. S. Convention		50 00
Texas C. M. C		25 00
Walco, Jos. Lehman		5 00

VIRGINIA.

Allegheny		2 14
Bell Spring		8 39
Bowling Green		2 81
Charlottville		2 05
Edgemont		4 24
Green Bay, two children		60
Gethsemane		3 75
Louisa C. H		7 31
Macedonia		5 88
Norfolk		13 60
New River Depot, M. A. Wilson		1 00
Piedmont		2 60
Richmond		2 00
Snowville		1 16
Staffordville		3 95
Sweet Hall, Mrs. R. B. Richards		50
Wythesville		6 80

WYOMIMG.

Buffalo, Mrs. D. C. Hopkins		10 00

WEST VIRGINIA.

Bethany		6 15
New Cumberland		7 00
State Board		10 00
Wellsburg		5 00

WISCONSIN.

Center		13 61
Footville		8 65
Milwaukee, C. C. Smith		20 00
Richland Center		8 75
West Lima		1 50
Sunday School, F.C.M.S		1 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Colfax		2 50
Dayton		5 50
Sunday School		3 65
Olympia, Abigail Taylor		25
Palouse, E. A. LaDow		50
Sumner		5 36
Seattle		3 50
R. H. Moss		25 00
Tacoma		2 00
Waitsburg		15 00

MISCELLANEUOS.

Adair, I. T. F. F. McClellan		1 00
Anna Howard		2 00
A Brother		5 00
Bacon Bequest, interest		30 00
Gist Estate		5 00
Jamaica, J. W. Jenkins		10 00
Kansas City Convention		28 32
" " "	T	75 60
Meetings held by Cor. Sec., In'lis		230 00
Ontario, Mrs. Nancy Frick		1 00
Unknown		65
Trustees Christian Hymn Book		540 62
Collection by Missio'ns, (see table)		9687 22